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Historic McSwain Theater to rise

Artist's rendering of the McSwain Theater

ADA, Okla. - Planning is nearing completion and renovation work on the McSwain Theater is scheduled to begin early next year.

Dorothy Summers Theater at East Central University will serve as an alternative venue for performances during renovation, with the first performance scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21.

Built in 1920 as a venue for vaudeville acts, the Chickasaw Nation purchased the McSwain and began supervising operation of the theater in Nov. 2002.

Renovation plans include rebuilding the southern façade to give the McSwain a look similar to that of its glory days in the 1920s. New windows flanking the main entrance will be another component in enhancing the theater's appearance.

Ground floor seating in the renovated theater will accommodate approximately 525.

An art gallery on the second story will also include a video system to allow additional audience members and special guests to view live performances.

A redesigned stage area will include new stage curtains as well as state-of-the-art lighting and sound systems.

Renovation will also include annexing an area east of the main theater building which will include a concession area, restrooms and an elevator providing access to the second story gallery.

Dressing rooms for the performers, and prop storage will also be located in this area.

Renovation plans also include a number of projects designed to restore the structural integrity of the facility.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Gov. Anoatubby 2005 Juvenile Diabetes Honoree

OKLAHOMA CITY - Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby was honored for his leadership in fighting diabetes during the recent Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Promise Gala 2005 "Tour for the Cure."

Foundation officials honored Gov. Anoatubby for making JDRF and diabetes research a priority.

"Every day, because of the work of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and other similar organizations, we are closer to winning the battle against diabetes," said Gov. Anoatubby. "With continued research and the commitment of dedicated health professionals, we will find the means to not only combat the disease, but prevent it."

The Chickasaw Nation has long been a leader in diabetes care and prevention.

A new state-of-the-art Diabetes Care Center was dedicated in April, 2004 in Ada, providing the most comprehensive diabetes care of any facility in Indian country. Vision care, dental services, nutrition services and exercise consultation are among the full range of services available at the 8,500-square-foot facility.

A tribal Family Life Center was dedicated in Ada in June, 2004. The 30,000-square-foot facility features a gymnasium, water aerobics pool, walking

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Seasonís Greetings

Gov. Bill Anoatubby

Season's Greetings to Chickasaws across the country, and around the world!

We are truly blessed to be Chickasaw, and to be living in this time of Chickasaw history. Our people have experienced countless challenges through the generations, yet, we have grown and prospered. May the lives of our children, grandchildren and Chickasaw generations to come be always blessed!

Special greetings to our Chickasaw veterans, their families, and the military men and women who serve our great country so well. You are in our prayers.

For those Chickasaws and others who suffered through the ravages of the year's natural disasters, may this season bring peace and a return to home and family.

To our wonderful Chickasaw elders, may you enjoy much cheer and richness of spirit.

Joyous holiday wishes and a blessed new year to every Chickasaw family from those of us who serve you in your tribal government. Peace, joy and happiness to you.

God bless you, your family and our beloved tribe.

Sincerely,

Bill Anoatubby

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REGULAR SESSION
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October 21, 2005

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott,, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods

Member absent: Tim Colbert

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, Sue Simmons, Juanita Tate, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Sharon Nelson, Tony Choate, Paul Yates, Ron Frazier, Rita Loder, Jay Keel

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS, NOMINATION OF STAFF

Dr. Goforth Parker nominated Mr. Scott Colbert for Chairperson.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker that nominations cease and Mr. Scott Colbert be declared Chairperson by acclimation. All members were in favor of the motion.

Chairperson Scott Colbert thanked the members of the Legislature for their confidence in him to serve as Chairperson. He then opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

Dr. Goforth Parker nominated Ms. Linda Briggs as Secretary.

A motion was made by Ms. Green that nomination cease and Ms. Briggs be declared Secretary by acclimation. All members were in favor of the motion.

Chairperson Scott Colbert nominated Doretta Sellers as the Recording Secretary. All members were in favor of the nomination.

Chairperson Scott Colbert nominated Harold Stick as the Sergeant-At-Arms. All members were in favor of the nomination.

AGENDA ITEM #5 READING OF MINUTES - September 16, 2005

Mr. Seawright noted corrections to the minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Green to approve the September 16, 2005 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Briggs.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of September 16, 2005, as amended, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #7: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

Ms. Briggs was asked to give the report. There was no report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 23-001, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Mr. Matt Morgan

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Matt Morgan to the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. The bylaws of the historical society require one of the board members to be an attorney, and Mr. Morgan's appointment fulfills that requirement.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR23-001. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-001 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-002, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society Mr. Overton "Buck" Cheadle

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Overton "Buck" Cheadle to the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society for a three-year term. Mr. Cheadle's original appointment to the board was in 1996.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR23-002. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-002 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-003, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Ms. Chenena Roach

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Chenena Roach to the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR23-003. The motion was seconded by Ms. Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-003 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-004, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Ms. Johnna Walker

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Ms. Johnna Walker to the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Ms. Walker is a school teacher. The bylaws of the historical society require one of the board members to be a teacher, and Ms. Walker's reappointment fulfills that requirement.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR23-004. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-004 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-005, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society, Mr. Robert Perry

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Robert Perry to the board of directors of the Chickasaw Historical Society. Mr. Perry was first appointed to the board in 2002.

A motion was made by Ms. McManus to approve GR23-005. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-005 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 23-006, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property and Easements in Pontotoc County

*See **Minutes,** page 26*

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Indian Cultural Center land blessed in official ceremony

Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry participate in the American Indian Cultural Center ground blessing ceremony in Oklahoma City.

Every child who has been blessed to enjoy a long walk across the unpaved Oklahoma land has wondered, "Who has walked here before?"

History books tell us of oil rigs, cattle drives and land runs, but the land tells a different story. The land that once had crude pumping through its veins now has a deeper history to reveal.

On November 1, on a little piece of land on the banks of the Oklahoma River, overseen by the Oklahoma City skyline, hands from all 39 Oklahoma tribes joined together to bless the ground from which the new American Indian Cultural Center will rise.

As part of the daylong ground blessing ceremony, each tribe had a part in preparing the site for the future home of the Center. Designed, constructed and operated by the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority (NACEA), the Center will help American Indian history come to life.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, who serves as the NACEA Board Chairman and co-chairman of the ground blessing committee, had been looking forward to this day for a while.

"This project was conceived more than 30 years ago by tribal leaders who wanted a space to celebrate American Indian culture," Governor Anoatubby said. "I am so pleased to see it finally reach this phase in the planning. I believe every Chickasaw and native Oklahoman will be proud of this project."

The Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe and Chickasaw Children's Choir were among several dancers, drum groups, tribal royalty and delegates that offered gratitude and blessings. The day was set aside as a special time to heal the land that was once an oil drilling field. This special place will soon become a place of significance to every Oklahoma tribe.

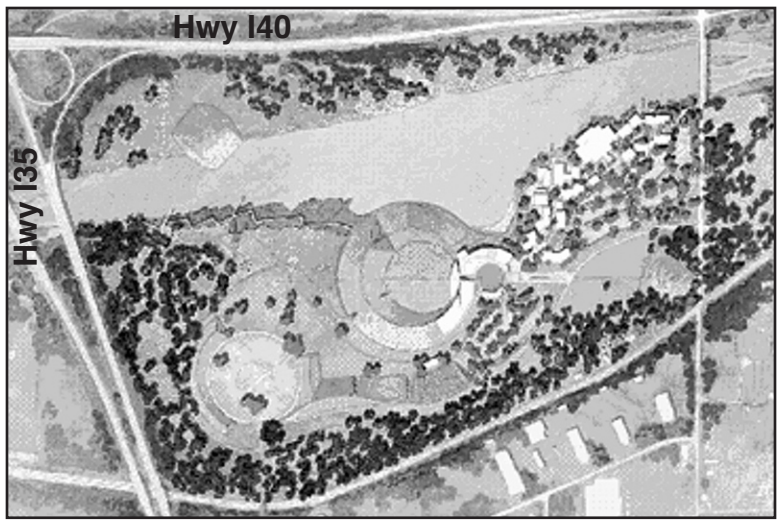
The Center will house cultural exhibits, original artwork, hours of video footage and many special features. It is destined to become a mainstay on hundreds of elementary schools' field trip agendas. Young Oklahomans with bright eyes and inquisitive minds will gaze upon tangible history lessons and will discover what text books will fail to convey.

As they enjoy a long walk through the past, they will learn, and forever know, who has walked here before.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Haskell Alexander, Kirk Perry and other members of the Chickasaw Nation Dance Troupe take part in the Ground Blessing Ceremony Processional that included representatives from all 39 Oklahoma tribes.

Chickasaw Nation Princess Tamela Alexander signs the Lord's Prayer along with other tribal royalty during the ground blessing ceremony.



The Indian Cultural Center will be located on approximately 300 acres at the SE corner of I-35 and I-40.

Facts about the upcoming Indian Cultural Center

• Grassroots efforts to create a space dedicated to American Indian culture began more than 30 years ago. The project became a reality when Oklahoma State Senators Kelly Haney and Robert M. Kerr introduced the legislation to create the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority (NACEA) to design, construct and operate an American Indian Cultural Center and Museum. The bill was passed by the state in 1994.

• Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby serves as Chairman of the NACEA Board of Directors.

• The Center will be located on approximately 300 acres at the SE corner of I-35 and I-40. The land was donated by the City of Oklahoma City in 1998.

• In May 2005, the state passed a $33 million bond, securing the funding which would allow building to begin. Additional funding has been raised through donations, state and federal grants.

• Representatives from each of Oklahoma's 39 tribes were interviewed to gather input for the development of the American Indian Cultural Center and its exhibits.

• More than 54,000 driving miles and 25,000 air miles were accumulated by project planners to ensure that each tribe had a voice in the center.

• Planned features include a Hall of People, a Promontory Walk and a Community Forum. The exhibits are dedicated to overarching themes important to American Indian culture such as community, memory and sovereignty.

• Visitors will be able to experience the Court of the Wind surrounded by 39 tree-like "sound pipes" that resonate from the wind.

• Several galleries and theatres, with projected images and sound and light effects, will orientate guests to the cultural history and the importance of the Oklahoma Native American tribes.

• A Family Center will feature hands-on activities such as storytelling, quilting and beadwork crafts.

• The outdoor design plan for the Cultural Center and Museum include woodland, plains and wetlands settings as well as a lake extending the entire length of the site. The landscaping will included trees and plants native to the area.

• Other facilities planned include: a large dance ground for traditional social gatherings, sports fields for tournaments and inter-tribal games, a 200-room lodge and conference center, a 125 room hotel, an arts and crafts marketplace, studios and galleries, restaurants and a 300-space RV and tent campground.

Source: Native American Cultural and Educational Authority (http://nacea.com)

Land committee busy with land, associated considerations

From left, tribal legislators Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Steven Woods, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, Scott Colbert; legislative secretary Monette Richardson; and tribal legislator Mitch Sperry.

Greetings from the Chickasaw Legislature and Land Development Committee. Each year, at this time, I review for you the Land Committee's work. This year, I once again will have the privilege of chairing the Land Development Committee. For introduction to this year's committee, I have included a photograph taken at the November 18 Legislative Session Day. We are standing in the back of the Chickasaw Nation Administration building. Included in the picture, from left to right, myself, Judy Goforth Parker, Pontotoc District; Steve Woods, Tishomingo District; Beth Alexander, Panola District; Mary Jo Green, Pontotoc District,; Chairperson D. Scott Colbert, Tishomingo District; Secretary Monette Richardson; and newly elected Legislator Mitch Sperry, Pickens District.

During the 22nd year of the Legislature, the Land Development Committee considered 43 resolutions. Those resolutions can be divided up into three or four types of resolutions, with the first being for the purpose of land acquisition. Land acquisitions are always approved with the option to place said piece of property USA in Trust through the Bureau of Indian Affairs if such action is advantageous to the Chickasaw Nation. Seven pieces of property were considered for acquisition of property with one of the 10 failing.

At the time of consideration, we always look at the intended use for the property as well as legal descriptions and pictures. Many Legislators travel to the sites for inspection. Even though a piece of property is approved, negotiations are not completed at the time of our voting. It may take weeks or even months to complete the transaction.

In the past, land transactions have failed for one reason or another. Your Legislature requested a list of the completed transactions and reviewed that list during the past year.

Two business leases were approved. One was for the purpose of a satellite station, and the other for billboard signage.

Fifteen oil and gas leases were considered, with 13 passing. Of the 13 that were passed, all were for Chickasaw/Choctaw leases. Under the previously agreed upon arrangements, Choctaw Nation receives 75% of the royalties and and the Chickasaw Nation recieves 25%. Ms. Jessie Kemp from the Bureau of Indian Affairs attends all Land Commitee meetings and provides the necessary documentation and answers to questions concerning these types of resolutions.

Utility rights of way are considered each year and are for the exact reason that you would think - - - right of way easements. We considered and approved 10 resolutions for right of way easements. Rights of way can be for the purpose of utilities to road construction.

Reading the legals on these can be one difficult task, but we always have the necessary resources available for help. Often, we look at aerial maps, plotted drawings, or direct site visits. One Revocable Permit was approved related to trespass purposes only. Two resolutions were considered for recreational leases.

Three resolutions were presented and approved for the purpose of placing land into trust or affirming legal descriptions. As you can see, we do receive a variety of different types of resolutions. It is the responsibility of the committee to review each resolution, ask questions, receive the appropriate answers, and represent you, the Chickasaw people, when we vote.

Already this year, the 23rd year of our Legislature, we have considered six new resolutions. We have one resolution tabled in committee that has led us to take an adventurous onsite visit, and we hope in the future to bring you updates on the Burney Institute. Thank you for allowing us to represent you. Your input throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Judy Goforth Parker
Chairman, Land Development Committee

Don't forget! Get your flu shot right away!

Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee!

Kudos to the Chickasaw Children's Choir and all those who participated in the production of the play "Hina Falaa" which was presented at the Ada High School in November. The production was scheduled for October 1 at Chickasaw Festival but was delayed because of the weather. A lot of work and talent was shown by those who performed and produced the play. Now we need more acts featuring different times and incidents in plays and film. Keep up the good work on bringing the past alive for us!

It isn't too late if you haven't received your flu shot yet, just schedule it with your next doctor's appointment. Kudos to those who brought the flu shots to the senior nutrition participants. Kudos to Linda Giles who asked for the vaccine to be distributed to the members of the oklahoma City Metro Community Council.

The Health System is interviewing for a doctor to replace Dr. Charles Whiting. Dr. Whiting is leaving to go into private practice with his sister. We will miss him and wish him the best.

In the month of October, 2005, there were 215 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 14,453. October Emergency Room visits were 1,084. October saw 250 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,882 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 3,546 patients in October. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,931 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,087. The Durant Clinic saw 2,541 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,428.

We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and blessed Christmas with your family and friends. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. I look forward to speaking with you! Until next month, thank you.

Committee Reports

Court Development AD HOC Committee
November 14, 2005
Present: Tim Colbert, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Finance Committee
November 7, 2005
Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Health Committee
November 7, 2005
Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert
Absent: Tim Colbert

Human Resources Committee
November 7, 2005
Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Scott Colbert
Absent: Mitch Sperry

Land Development Committee
November 7, 2005
Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
Absent: Mitch Sperry

Legislative Committee
November 7, 2005
Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
Absent: Tim Colbert, Mitch Sperry
November 14, 2005
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Absent: Wanda Blackwood Scott

Tour of historic Burney Institute evokes many emotions

Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings!

The holidays are upon us! We have so much to be thankful for, those of us who are Chickasaw.

While it is not possible to provide the same level of services to our citizens outside the boundaries of the Nation, we are moving at a steady pace toward providing much needed assistance in ways that we are able. Education is forefront and that program is constantly being expanded. At the Annual Meeting the Governor announced that ten million dollars has been set aside for the exclusive benefit of citizens who live outside the Nation. In a visit with the Governor last week, be advised that he will very shortly be presenting his ideas to the Legislature regarding the use of those funds. Every effort will be make, of course, to benefit the most people that we possibly can with the money. And the intention is that as the Tribe continues to prosper, programs that are possible to provide to citizens living outside the Nation will also be expanded.

Last week we in the Legislature had a great experience - we were allowed entrance into the Burney Institute which was built in 1854 and was a school for Indian children. There are two buildings, one is a three-story brick building and the other is wood. The wood building was originally three stories but the family that has owned the property for generations had removed the top two floors and reshaped the roof. In the brick building, which is the one used for the school, the original blackboards are still on the walls and even in a few instances writing on the blackboards could be discerned. The brick building stands straight but is probably not structurally sound. However, we have the opportunity to acquire the property and it would be the oldest of our historical acquisitions should we do so. My full-blood grandmother attended the school as a young girl and the sense of history when in the building became very personal and was almost overwhelming. I am so hopeful we will be able to purchase the property and to preserve it for future generations to see.

National Young Readers Day was a couple of weeks ago and it was my great pleasure to read to children at the Turner School in Love County where I reside (Pickens District). I wore tradition tribal regalla including loaned completely beaded moccasins. The moccasins belong to Lori Hamilton who at one time was a Chickasaw Princess and they were made by our great Chickasaw artisan Harold Stick. The book I read was a traditional Chickasaw story and was recommended by the Governor. (He gave me two of the books to present to the school library).

I asked the students how many of them were Chickasaw and almost half of the children in the room raised their hands. Then I asked for Choctaws and almost all the rest were Choctaw. (Remember - originally this was Choctaw Territory and a lot of Choctaws still live in the areas as part of the land had already been allotted to them when the Chickasaws purchased it from the Choctaws).

The students enjoyed the event but I was the real winner that day!

My wish for all of you is that you holidays will be all that you dream and hope they will be. Take great care if you travel!

2004-2005 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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JOM an important tool in Indian education

Wanda Blackwood Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The Johnson-O'Malley Act was passed by the U.S. Congress in 1934, and amended in 1936, to subsidize education by the federal government of Indian children.

This important program, often referred to as JOM, continues to operate in its original form today. JOM is a very important element in providing good quality educational and cultural opportunities to our Indian students.

Our tribe receives funds from the federal government and in turn contracts with public schools within the Chickasaw Nation to provide these supplemental programs. It is important to note that our tribe also provides its own funding to help Chickasaw and other Indian students achieve in school.

JOM programs include tutoring, incentives, school supplies and field trips. All the JOM efforts are directed at helping Indian students understand the importance of school and giving every opportunity to advance and be successful.

JOM programs at individual schools are overseen by a committee of parents of Indian students enrolled in the school district. There is always input on the local level.

In the Chickasaw Nation, our JOM programs cover a total of 52 schools and 7,100 students.

Examples of JOM programs include the Chickasaw Nation Summer Enrichment Program. Our tribe partners with the Ada Public Schools to provide Indian students in grades six through nine with summer classes in math, science, language and art. Students also enjoy cultural activities, including flute making, stickball stick making, silversmithing and pottery.

Indian students grades nine through 12 can experience the Joint Tribes Summer Youth Conference. This conference focuses on leadership development and trips to culturally important areas.

Each year the Oklahoma JOM Conference brings together Indian students from across the state, including many Chickasaws.

A very special program developed by Gov. Anoatubby is the Governor's Honor Club. Indian students in grades three through 12 are rewarded for academic excellence. Honor roll students receive Walmart gift cards plus a great t-shirt with the Honor Club logo. All Indian students, both Chickasaw and non-Chickasaw, can participate in the program. The coordinator of this uplifting program is Beth Campbell.

I am writing this article just before Thanksgiving, and I wish everyone the happiest and healthiest of holidays. We are so very fortunate in the Chickasaw Nation, and we have much for which we can be truly thankful.

God bless you!

November 2005 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 23-009

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, described as: the West 85' of Lot 1, Block 77, in the town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted, containing 0.17 acres, more or less. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-011

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, described as: A tract of land lying in Sections 8 and 17, Township 1 South, Range 3 East, Murray County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the SE/4 of said Section 8, said point being the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence S 00°28'21" W, a distance of 2629.70 feet to the Southeast corner of said SE/4; thence S 00°11'44" W, a distance of 659.40 feet to the Southeast corner of the NE/4 NE/4 NE/4 of said Section 17; thence S 89°54'34" W, a distance of 661.08 feet to the Southwest corner of said NE/4 NE/4 NE/4; thence S 45°01'17" W along the Northwesterly line of the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, a distance 2083.52 feet; thence Due West, a distance of 283.65 feet; thence N 69°55'13" W, a distance of 252.07 feet; thence N 29°10'21" W, a distance of 104.11 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left, having a radius of 320.00 feet, and a chord of 340.75 feet bearing N 60°28'59" W; thence Northwesterly along said curve, a distance of 359.34 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left, having a radius of 220.00 feet, and a chord of 169.55 feet bearing S 60°01'32" W; thence Southwesterly along said curve, a distance of 174.05 feet; thence S 37°24'54" W, a distance of 26.95 feet; thence N 00°05'46" W, a distance of 316.59 feet; thence N 02°45'53" E, a distance of 185.80 feet; thence N 80°51'28" W, a distance of 248.31 feet; thence N 79°30'16" W, a distance of 50.43 feet; thence N 75°41'15" W, a distance of 374.81 feet; thence N 88°55'04" W, a distance of 50.01 feet; thence Due North, a distance of 1239.91 feet to a point on the South line of the E/2 SW/4 of said Section 8; thence S 89°51'27" W, a distance of 94.36 feet to the Southwest corner of said E/2 SW/4; thence N 00°32'51" E along the West line of said E/2 SW/4 a distance of 1800.38 feet; thence S 89°27'10" E, a distance of 660.13 feet; thence N 00°45'57" E, a distance of 615.99 feet; thence N 01°21'10" E, a distance of 225.20 feet to a point on the North line of said E/2 SW/4; thence N 89°55'24" E, a distance of 3292.73 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; said described tract containing 351.52 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

No votes: Beth Alexander, Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright

General Resolution Number 23-012

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County, Oklahoma

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Murray County, Oklahoma, described as A tract of land lying within Lot 4, Section 31, Township 1 North, Range 3 East, of the Indian Meridian and Base Line, Murray County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the SW corner of said S/2 of Lot 4; thence N 00°35'46" W along the West line thereof, 118.00 feet ; thence N 74° 06'06" E, 220.36 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing N 74°06'06" E, 420.47 feet; thence S 10°55'10" E, 217.98 feet to a point on the North R/W line of OK Highway No. 7; thence Westerly along said R/W line along a curve to the right having a radius of 1849.85 feet an arc distance of 422.14 feet and having a chord of 422.14 feet at S 82°36'42" W; thence S 89°08'57" W, S 89°08'57" W, 26.35 feet; thence N 00°35'46" W, 153.42 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1.92 acres. together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: One (1) mile west of Sulphur, Oklahoma, on the North side of Highway 7.

Use: To be utilized as a satellite maintenance office.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

General Resolution Number 23-013

Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

EXPLANATION: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, P.O. Box 18496, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73154-0496, who has submitted an acceptable bid of $627.57 per acre for a total bonus of $62,757.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $15,689.25, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations described as E/2 SW/4; N/2 NW/4 SW/4 of Section 23, Township 6 North, Range 14 East, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 100.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $300.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $75.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-014

Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Encore Acquisition Company, 777 Main Street, Suite 1400, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, who submitted an acceptable bid of $325.00 per acre for a total bonus of $45,500.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $11,375.00, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations described as NE/4 SW/4; S/2 NW/4 SW/4; S/2 SW/4 of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 13 East, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 140.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $420.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $105.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor, The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution 23-015

Affirming General Resolutions 21-008

(Authorizing an Acquisition of Property in Carter County)

Explanation: This resolution affirms General Resolution 21-008 for the purpose of specifically identifying the

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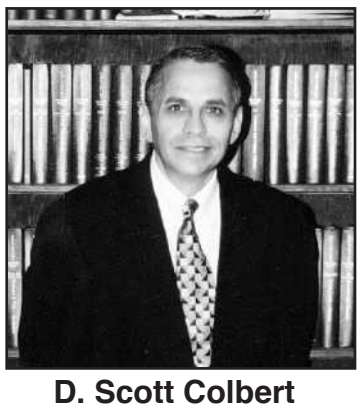
Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

Tribal sovereignty a historic, non-negotiable element

U.S. Rep. TOM COLE

TULSA, Okla. - U.S. Congressman Tom Cole (R-Okla.), a Chickasaw who represents Oklahoma's Fourth Congressional District, was a featured speaker at the recent National Congress of American Indians national convention in Tulsa.

Rep. Cole said 30 years after passage of the Indian Self-Determination Act, Indian nations are experiencing a time of unprecedented opportunity.

"For the first time in 500 years, in my opinion, opportunity is moving toward us instead of away from us," said Rep. Cole. "And it's because for 500 years people maintained tribal identity and tribal sovereignty as a reality in North America."

Today's generation of American Indians has an obligation to live up to the legacy left by ancestors of past generations.

"The (historic) tenacity of Native Americans in the face of extraordinary difficulties ought to always remind us that whatever problem we have today is pretty minor," said Rep. Cole. "And whatever opportunity we have, we owe to them.

"And going forward, if we don't take advantage that their suffering and their tenacity and their determination created for us, it would be the ultimate betrayal to each and every one of them who fought to maintain their identity as Comanche, or Chickasaw or Arapahoe or Iroquois - that fought to maintain their culture so that it would live through their children and grandchildren and descendants.

"If we ever break that bond with our forefathers, we betray not just ourselves, we betray our children, their descendants."

Along with that challenge, Rep. Cole offered a six-pronged strategy for American Indians to take full advantage of the sovereign status of Indian nations.

Those six prongs include economic diversification, cultural revival, education, negotiation, litigation and political participation.

"I think (economic diversification) is well under way. Each tribe needs to look to its resources, its positioning and figure out ways it can be successful," said Rep. Cole, who pointed out that there is an economic revival in Indian Country. "People focus on gaming – that's part of it. That's allowed tribes to recapitalize themselves. But I also see those tribes taking those dollars and setting up banks, setting up other businesses, providing services for their people. It's been an extraordinarily important revival of opportunity.

"There are lots of ways for us to be successful and diversify. And Native Americans should be woven into every part of this extraordinary economy that we have in North America."

Regarding cultural revival, he stressed that it is very important for young people.

"(It is) very important for our young people to know that this culture was here long before Europeans. That it is rich, diverse. That it has contributed enormously, to frankly the entire world."

Speaking of education he said that it is important to think of educating our own people and others.

"There is no question how important that is that we have the John Herringtons of the world who have the education they need to be an American astronaut, that we have scientists and entrepreneurs, and teachers," said Rep. Cole. "But (it is also important) to educate the rest of America about us. That's one of the things I always take as my job in Congress.

"It's amazing how, frankly, ill-informed most Americans are about the first Americans – about the unique history and the unique status under the American Constitution that Native Americans enjoy. Not because they were given that status, but because they negotiated that status as pre-existing political entities. It's very important that never be forgotten."

While negotiation is important, Rep. Cole was quick to point out that there are limits to that strategy.

"We have a lot to negotiate. We have a lot of interests. We have a lot of disputes, frankly. We have our own position to defend. And I'm always willing to sit down and talk with people. But negotiating does mean there are certain things that are non-negotiable. And you establish those things up front.

"And nobody negotiates themselves out of existence. We should never, ever, ever qualify the principle of tribal sovereignty. If it's qualified one place, it's threatened every place. When we negotiate, we negotiate stipulating from the beginning that tribal sovereignty is never negotiable – never negotiable," said Rep. Cole to a thunderous round of applause.

Acknowledging that it is sometimes necessary to go to court, Rep. Cole pointed to some advantages of litigation that are not always apparent.

"Some of the most important issues surface in our country – and always have – for all Americans in the crucible of the legal system," said Rep. Cole. "The Cobell case is a case in point. I'm willing to negotiate. I'm willing to litigate. I'm not willing to surrender. That litigation has been enormously important to us, in educating other people."

In addition to all the other strategies, Rep. Cole added that political participation is essential in protecting sovereignty.

"I always tell people when we talk about political participation – and I'm a very proud Republican, a very active Republican – I don't want tribes to be Republican tribes or Democratic tribes," said Rep. Cole. "I want each tribe to have good Republicans and good Democrats, good independents – whatever they want. But I want tribes to be looking after political interests.

"Neither political party has a record on these issues that it can be very proud of over the sweep of American history," added Rep. Cole. "One thing I've learned in politics is never to be taken for granted. If one side thinks you're automatically on the other side, the side that you're on takes you for granted, the side that you're not on writes you off and you don't get anything.

"We should look at individual politicians and political parties and reward or oppose them, on the basis of where they stand on the issues that are important to us as tribal sovereign units and as Native peoples."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Woods to represent Oklahoma on White House Aging Council

Pat Woods, administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Program Operations, will be one of the representatives from Oklahoma at the 2005 White House Conference on Aging.

Mrs. Woods was appointed as a delegate by Fourth District Congressman Tom Cole (R-Okla.) to attend at the recommendation of Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

"Mrs. Woods has the ability and experience to well represent the elders of this area," said Gov. Anoatubby. "She has worked in the aging field for more than 20 years and is very familiar with the problems and issues of Indians and non-Indians alike."

Held once every 10 years, the White House Conference on Aging is designed to make aging policy recommendations to the president and Congress. Another goal is to assist the public and private sectors in promoting dignity, health, independence and economic security of current and future generations of older persons.

The theme of this year's council is "The Booming Dynamics of Aging: From Awareness to Action."

Mrs. Woods was a member of the National Indian Council on Aging from 1978 until 2003.

As a member of the NICOA, she was the first and only woman to serve as the chairperson of the board, and served two consecutive terms.

As a board member in the early years of the organization, Mrs. Woods was instrumental in bringing about legislation which assured direct funding to Indian tribes for services to their elders.

As a member of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, Mrs. Woods gained support of the council and tribal leaders on Oklahoma for more and better services for Indian elders.

Mrs. Woods is a charter member of the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging, and played a major role in organizing that group.

She also served on the task force of NICOA and advocated for passage of amendments to the Older Americans' Act which established the senior employment program for Native Americans.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Pat Woods

Tribal rep in Chickasha Dec. 19

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha, Okla., on December 19 to answer questions about tribal programs.

For more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, community health representatives, or other programs, visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at Oklahoma Workforce the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

Noted author outlines ways to talk to your strong-willed child

Cynthia Tobias

ADA, Okla. - Noted speaker and author of several books, Cynthia Tobias, M. Ed. spoke in Ada and Ardmore recently about "Smart Ways to Talk to Your Teenage (and Strong-willed) Child."

Her presentation based on her book "You Can't Make Me! (But I Can Be Persuaded)," was well received by the dozens of parents and professionals who attended.

Ms. Tobias focused on five strategies for bringing out the best in strong-willed children.

First in her list of strategies is to choose your battles carefully when dealing with a strong-willed child.

"In my house issues of physical safety and moral issues are non-negotiable," said Ms. Tobias. She said that she will not allow children to ride in a car without a seat belt or let them get away with lying, stealing or hurting another person.

While she will not compromise on those issues, she may sometimes compromise on other, less important issues, such as whether her child wears a matching outfit.

"If your child refuses to color-coordinate her outfits, you may just want to put a sticker on her that says 'my mother didn't dress me,'" she said.

This is an example of her second point, using humor to help lighten the mood.

Another piece of advice was to ask more questions and issue fewer orders.

For instance, if an agreed on task has not been done promptly, it might be tempting to issue an order such as 'take the trash out right now!" She pointed out it may be more effective to ask "are you going to take the trash out?"

Ms. Tobias also advised giving fewer warnings and taking action sooner. She pointed out that children who are used to getting 10 warnings before they are punished are not likely to change their behavior until they get 10 warnings.

Her final point is to "make sure your strong-willed child always know your love is unconditional."

This advice coincides with her point that all these strategies are most effective for those who have a quality relationship with the child.

Ms. Tobias is the best-selling author of numerous books, including Every Child Can Succeed, Bringing out the Best in Your Child, Do You Know What I Like About You, You Can't Make Me! (But I Can be Persuaded), and her soon-to-be-released Redefining the Strong-Willed Woman.

Ms. Tobias has a wealth of experience to draw upon, including a master's degree in Learning Styles from Seattle Pacific University, eight years teaching English in public high schools, six years in law enforcement, and being a busy mother of teenage twin sons.

The Chickasaw Nation Juvenile Justice Program is in its second year and is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. The mission of the program is to provide a more effective response to juvenile delinquency and crime within the Chickasaw Nation.

Program staff includes one juvenile probation officer and one juvenile justice counselor, both of whom work not only with parents and juveniles, but also with various tribal, federal and state agencies.

For more information about Ms. Tobias, or to order books, log on to www.applest.com or call (253) 862-6200.

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Tribal businesses start up new fiscal year with good results

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

October is the first month of the fiscal year for the general government and Chickasaw Businesses. Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. Depreciation will be computed after year end in connection with the audit.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending October 31, 2005

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations totaled $10.2 million for the month and year-to-date. Expenditures for the month and year-to-date were $1.6 million. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2005, of $39 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for October totaled $46 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $14.9 million for the month. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income for the month was $4.6 million.

Statement of Net Assets

At October 31, 2005, the tribal government funds had $45 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $8.2 million is in the BIA Trust funds.

The businesses had $89 million in cash and investments of which $56.9 million is reserved for accounts payable and $30 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of October 31, 2005, tribe operations had assets totaling $448.7 million with $57 million in payables resulting in net assets of $391.7 million compared to $253.6 million at the beginning of fiscal year 2005 or an increase of $138 million for the period then ended.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the One Month Ended October 31, 2005

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	84,632	46,146,756	46,231,388
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		10,252,360	(10,252,360)	0
Total funds available		10,336,992	35,894,396	46,231,388
Expenditures				
General government		228,575		228,575
Legislature		89,595		89,595
Judiciary		32,270		32,270
Education		296,419		296,419
Heritage Preservation		144,144		144,144
Health		349,343		349,343
Youth and Family Services		183,907		183,907
Nutrition Programs		121,989		121,989
Regulatory		57,526		57,526
Assistance Programs		190,573		190,573
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			16,831,701	16,831,701
Other businesses' expense			14,370,190	14,370,190
Total expenditures		1,694,341	31,201,891	32,896,232
Increase in net assets		8,642,651	4,692,506	13,335,157
Beginning net assets		169,359,973	209,019,171	378,379,144
Ending net assets	$	178,002,624	213,711,677	391,714,301

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
October 31, 2005

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	45,086,296	89,023,310	134,109,606
Receivables		352,790	14,907,570	15,260,360
Inventory			4,580,665	4,580,665
Prepaid expenses			5,078,965	5,078,965
Other Assets			26,971,436	26,971,436
Fixed assets		132,607,458	130,112,704	262,720,162
Less payables		(43,920)	(56,962,973)	(57,006,893)
Net Assets	$	178,002,624	213,711,677	391,714,301

Finding ways to help creates 'Messages in Motion'

Chickasaw woman chips in to assist hurricane victims

Rhonda Barnett

Shortly after Hurricane Katrina devastated the New Orleans area, Rhonda Barnett, a Chickasaw who lives in the Tulsa, Okla., area saw a story about a local company was offering to deliver high volume pumps to help clear the floodwaters.

In operation for only a few months, the company had been building approximately three pumps per month. FEMA wanted 20 much larger pumps delivered in less than three weeks

Barnett immediately decided to help.

Reading that company officials had driven their own cars to Baton Rouge to tell FEMA officials about their plan, Barnett phoned her brother, who works for American Airlines, to arrange a flight for their return trip to finalize the details.

She then called the company officials to let them know the flight was available if they wanted.

After the president of the fledgling company called to thank Barnett for arranging the flight, she offered to come to the shop to do whatever she could to help.

"I just asked if I could come and do anything," said Ms. Barnett. "I wanted to get involved in way that would really make a difference."

Ultimately, her help did make the difference in getting the job done.

Late one weekend the business owners needed sheet metal to seal the pumps, but did not know where to turn.

Ms. Barnett called a friend who delivered the material just in time.

She said "the president of the company told me later, 'you didn't know it, but if you didn't get that sheet metal, the job would have collapsed.'"

Barnett also arranged to have lumber delivered on a weekend, rounded up a wide variety of odds and ends, and arranged for meals for employees working long shifts.

She was quick to point out, however, that it was a group project.

"There were a lot of people who pitched in to help. There was a great enthusiasm and energy to get things done," said Barnett. " There was no second to be wasted."

While the company was working on a government contract, many of those involved, including Barnett, were working on a volunteer basis.

"I never heard anyone talk about how much money they were going to make," said Barnett. "It was about saving lives. These people were going to be able to save lives."

With this chapter of her life behind her, Ms. Barnett is moving on to help others.

Recognizing that importance of a positive mental attitude in improving production in the workplace and the quality of life in general Ms. Barnett has developed a program called "Messages in Motion" to help people develop a more positive outlook.

"The Chickasaw is so created, that when a passion fires/ignites our souls, adversities vanish," said Ms. Barnett. "The message I hope to express from this is adversities force one to take their eyes off the things of this world and look inside. That is when one will discover who they really are."

"That's what I want to do now is to go into the workforce to help people think in more positive ways. I want to help people improve their attitudes and their lives. I want my legacy to be helping people."

Rhonda Barnett is the great granddaughter of Chickasaw original enrollee Jacob Durant. She is the daughter of Lois (Durant) Ward and James Ward.

For information about "Messages in Motion" call (918) 258-4030.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw girl top artist in poster contest

Morgan La Fountain

Morgan LaFountain, third grade Chickasaw student from Sulphur (OK) Elementary School, was recently honored as the overall winner of the Sulphur March of Dimes poster contest. Morgan's poster was selected from among hundreds of submissions from students competing in 10 second- and third-grade classrooms.

The contest was part of a ground breaking educational idea that has gained the attention of the March of Dimes national organization. The local group wanted the students to not only help in raising funds, but also be educated on how the money is used.

Morgan and her classmates watched a video about the life of a local youth who had benefited from March of Dimes services. The students were then challenged to come up with a poster design that depicted their idea of what the world would be like if there were "no sick babies."

Morgan and friends began working on creating unique and inspiring posters. A panel of judges chose first, second and third place winners from each classroom. They also selected Morgan's poster to win the overall honor.

Because of the excitement around the new idea, others got on board and made it possible for Morgan's poster to have a permanent place hanging on the walls of the Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City. Morgan's framed artwork will be presented to the hospital in a December 10 ceremony. The hospital has arranged for space to display future winning posters on an annual basis.

The Sulphur March of Dimes also hosted an auction to sell all the framed first place posters. The auction raised $2,000 for the organization.

Morgan is the daughter of Jack and Denise LaFountain.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Lighthorse Police conduct K-9 demonstration for area students

Stop! LPD officer Steve Cash observes as K-9 Kaya puts the bite on LPD officer Terry Laxton, during a recent demonstration at Glenwood Elementary in Ada. Officer Laxton wore a "bite suit" for the demonstration.

Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police officer Steve Cash recently demonstrated the abilities of his K-9 partner 'Kaya' to students at Glenwood Elementary School in Ada.

Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal said the department does about two such demonstrations per month.

"We are glad to work with the local schools to schedule these demonstrations because we want to help these young students understand that police officers are their friends," said Chief O'Neal. "Bringing these canines out for demonstrations really helps us establish a connection with the kids."

Officer Cash suited Kaya up in a bullet-proof vest for the demonstration. He pointed out that Kaya is a working dog and plays a vital role in keeping the community safe by finding drugs, searching for escaped criminals and bringing lost children to safety.

Kaya quickly sniffed out a packet of marijuana hidden by officer Cash and signaled the find by sitting quietly.

Kaya also demonstrated how he can help protect officer Cash as he subdued LPD officer Terry Laxton, who wore a "bite suit" for the demonstration

Officer Cash informed the students that Kaya is very effective finding illegal drugs because dogs have a sense of smell1,000 times more powerful than that of a human.

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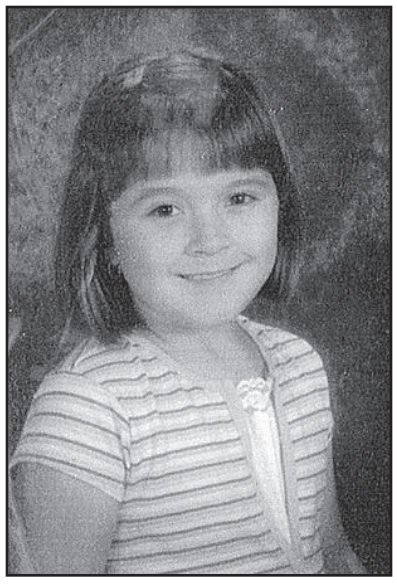
Birthdays



BreAnna Eddy

BreAnna May Eddy, was born November 19, 1997 in Alabama. She's a Chickasaw and her parents are Larry and Charlotte Eddy, of Lexington, Ala.

BreAnna is nine years old; she is in the third grade at Lexington.

She is the granddaughter of Ina and Lee Pettigrew, Ada, Okla., William and Shellie Thigpen, Lexington, Ala; and Gary and Elizabeth, Eddy, Ala. Her great-grandparents are James and Dale Eddy, Iron City, Tennessee and Noah and Lillie Wisdom, Pontotoc, Okla.

BreAnna loves spending her time playing outdoors with her friends and loves to do some cheers, and spending time with her family.

I don't get to spend time with BreAnna, but I think of her and Monica a lot and enjoy seeing them when we get to go out for a visit!

We are very proud and love you very much!

Mom, Dad, and Grandma

Monica Rae Eddy, born July 22, 1992. She is a Chickasaw; her parents are Larry and Charlotte Eddy, of Lexington, Alabama.

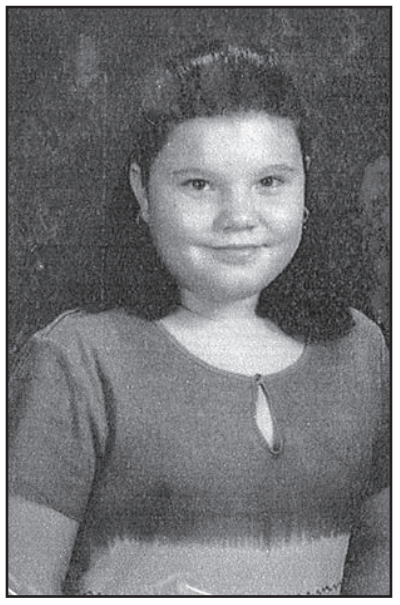
She is 12 years old and is in the seventh grade at Lexington High.

She is the granddaughter of William and Shellie Thigpen, Lexington, Ala. Ina and Lee Pettigrew, Ada, Okla., Gary and Elizabeth Eddy, Ala; her great grandparents are Noah and Lillie Wisdom, Pontotoc, Okla., James and Dale Eddy, Iron City, Tennessee.

Monica loves spending time outdoors, and playing sports! Even though we don't get to see each other very much, but I love getting letters from Monica, with he living in Alabama I am very proud of her and love you very much!

We are all proud of you and love you!

Mom, Dad and Grandma



Monica Eddy

Mary Lois Clifford of Ada, Okla., turned 91 on Nov. 19, 2005.

She was born, Nov. 19, 1914 at Lula, Okla., to Henderson and Bessie Goer.

She is a 1932 graduate of Chilocco Indian School.

Mary Clifford

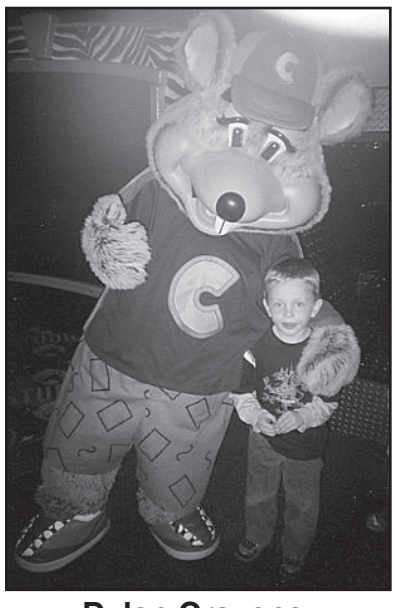
Reese Hamilton

Reese Derek Hamilton celebrated his 5th birthday at the U-Turn Center in Ada, Okla. He was joined by many friends and family.

Reese's maternal grandparents are Brad Fish, Harrah, Okla., and Tommy and Cassandra Russell, Choctaw, Okla.

Reese' s proud paternal grandpa is Harold Hamilton, Ada.

His parents are Randall and Christina Hamilton.



Dylan Cravens

Dylan Thomas Cravens celebrated his 5th birthday Oct. 14 with family and friends at Chuck E. Cheese in Oklahoma City.

Dylan is the brother of Kaleb Lacher, Stephanie and Madison Cravens. His parents are Jayme Lacher and Steven Cravens, of Ada, Okla.

Dylan is the grandson of David and Teri Cravens, of Moore, Okla., Robert and Tonia Matthews, of Blanchard, Okla., and James and Cecilia Stringer, of Kingsville, Texas.

His great grandparents are Kenneth and Christine Cravens of Oklahoma City, Marca Hall; of Oklahoma City; Leona Lacher, of Lewisville, Texas; and Mamie Stringer, of Tupelo, Okla.

Dylan is the great-great grandson of the late John Thomas and Pearline "Alberson" Billy.

Happy 5th Birthday Dylan!

We all love you very much!

OSU Chickasaw student inducted into honor society

Jake Vietzke, a Chickasaw from Pauls Valley, Okla., recently was inducted into Alpha Nu chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron, at Oklahoma State University.

Phi Upsilon is a national, professional honor society whose members are selected on academic achievements and course work completed. Recognition is given for excellent achievements and promise in leadership in their professional area. This honor society recognizes the top students in the sophomore and junior classes in the College of Human Environmental Sciences.

Vietzke is a 2003 graduate of Pauls Valley High School. He is currently a junior at OSU majoring in Nutritional Sciences, with concentration in Dietetics.

Vietzke is the son of Rebekah and Tom Vietzke and the grandson of Janet Smith.

Jake Vietzke

Santa Claus coming to Enos!

Santa Claus will be at the Enos, Okla., Volunteer Fire Department Christmas Tree Monday, December 12 talking with children and families from 7 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

From 7:30 on, Santa will be at the fire department until all the fruit, nut, and candy sacks are all gone.

There will be Christmas Carols, hot chocolate, and coffee available.

Come and enjoy the Christmas Festivities with us.

This event is sponsored by the Marshall County Chickasaw Council of Enos.

Marshall Council elects officers

The Marshall County Chickasaw Council conducted its elections October 26, 2005. The results of the election are as follows: Sarah Lea, Chair, Dean Ward, Vice Chair, Letitia Smith, Treasure, Vonnie Russell, Secretary.

Officers are Bill Ward, Curt Ward, Delilah Arterberry, Dee Ramsey and Doug Cyer.

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track, state-of-the-art exercise equipment as well as aerobics and martial arts classes. Nutrition education and menu planning are also available

Most recently, the Chickasaw Nation partnered with the Children's Medical Research Institute to create and establish the Chickasaw Nation Endowed Research Chair in Pediatric Diabetes.

Started in 1970 by the parents of children with juvenile diabetes, the Foundation funds research to research to fight juvenile diabetes – a disease that strikes children suddenly, makes them insulin dependent for life and carries the constant threat of devastating complications.

More than 120 chapters, branches, and affiliates worldwide have helped raise more than $900 million for diabetes research.

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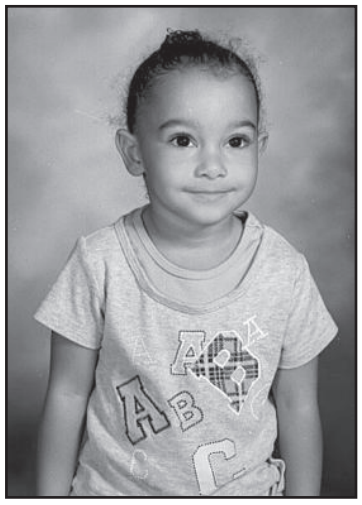
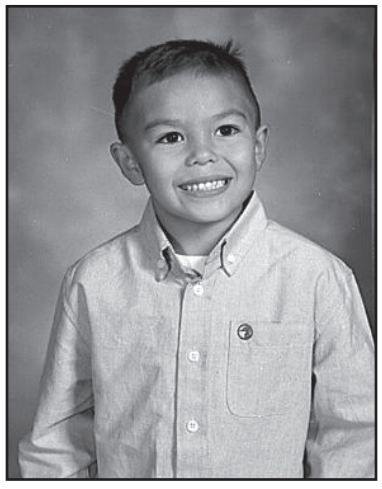
Ardmore Head Start November 'Star Students of the Month'



Chelsey Carathers



Josh Kale

Chickasaw Nation Head Start, Ardmore, Classroom #3, would like to present their Star Students of the Month for November: Chelsey Carathers and Josh Kale.

Chelsey is the 4-year-old daughter of William and Rebecca Carathers. Chelsey's favorite color is green. When she grows up, Chelsey wants to be like her mommy.

Josh is the 4-year-old son of Jeff and Valerie Kale. Josh's favorite color is blue. When Josh grows up he wants to drive a truck.

Chickasaw law graduate community, political activist

Rhonda Rudd

Chickasaw citizen Rhonda Rudd developed a passion for politics while studying as a political science student at the University of Central Oklahoma. After earning a law degree from Oklahoma City University in May of 2005, Rudd decided to put that passion to work by becoming a candidate for the 2006 Senate District 46 election.

Rudd is a 1982 graduate of Putnam City High School, a 2002 graduate of UCO and a 2005 graduate of OCU Law School. During her time in college, she received several scholarships from the Chickasaw Nation that allowed her to obtain her undergraduate and law degrees. While in law school, Rudd worked with the Native American Legal Resource Center helping research the Children's Code for the Apache Tribe of Anadarko.

As a longtime resident of Oklahoma City, Rudd would be serving residents from her own neighborhood.

"I have lived and worked in the Oklahoma City area for most of the past thirty years," she said. "From high school to law school, the opportunities to make my life better have been right here. Public service is my chance to give something back to the community."

Rudd is currently the Precinct Chair of Precinct 483. She has worked on several campaigns including being a paid employee of the "No on 695" campaign, the campaign against "Right to Work." She was also appointed to the Affirmative Action Committee of the Oklahoma Democratic Party and is on the board of the ACLU.

Rudd is the mother of three children she has raised in the Oklahoma City area. She is a descendant of Winchester Colbert, a great-granddaughter to G.W. Young and granddaughter to Patsy Young, all Chickasaw citizens.

More information about Rhonda Rudd can be found on her website at www.ruddforsenate.com.

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Community service leaders

Chickasaw Youth Council members elected

The 2005 – 2006 Chickasaw Nation Youth Council members were recently selected by their peers at the Annual Fall Retreat. The council represents the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation. The youth council members are busy throughout the year with community service, fundraising and being positive role models to other youth.

The 2005-06 Youth Council members are: representing Pontotoc District, Nikki Miller, Caitlin Pranger, Brandon Blankenship, Jonah Puller, Sara Miller, Megan Foley, Alexa Millican, Deeanna Taylor and Chris Tiger; representing Tishomingo District, Jerica March, Maria Meely-Barrett, Kale Lampkin and Jared Wingo; representing Panola District, Erica McMillian, Tia Wines and Denise Taylor; representing Pickens District, Misha Harris, Brittany McLaury, Kevin Hart, Tresa Blevins, Codie Bolin, Laura Ash, Larissa Taylor, Vincent Baptist, Brandi Taylor and Katie Shephard.

Rowe sworn in as Chickasaw Nation Special Judge

Dustin Rowe

Dustin P. Rowe was sworn in as Special Judge of the Chickasaw Nation District Court Wednesday, Oct. 26. Chief Justice Mark Holmes Colbert officiated the ceremony.

As a special judge, Judge Rowe will hear matters arising within the territorial jurisdiction of the Chickasaw Nation, including misdemeanor crimes, civil disputes, guardianships, adoptions, child support and marriage dissolution cases.

Located in Ada, Okla., the Chickasaw Nation District Court opened January 2, 2004.

Judge Rowe is a partner in the Tishomingo office of Little, Little, Little, Coppedge, Oliver, Rowe, Landgraf and Gallagher, PLLC. Judge Rowe will continue his private law practice.

Judge Rowe lives in Tishomingo with his wife Nicole, a kindergarten teacher, and their two children, Price and Madison.

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OKC Council Christmas Dinner

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council Annual Christmas Dinner will be December 3 at 6 p.m. at the Metro Council Building.

"We will have our usual holiday entertainment with lots and lots of raffles and prizes," chairman Giles said. "Council will furnish meat, dressing and drinks. We are asking our Council to bring their favorite covered side dishes and/or desserts. Come one, come all and join in the fun."

Dinner will be at 3301 W. Reno in Oklahoma City. Call 405-204-0536 or check the council website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org for further details.

OKC Council in Stockyards City parade

The OKCMCCC will participate in the Stockyard City's "Cowboy Christmas" parade, Saturday, December 3 beginning at 10 a.m.

"We chose to participate in the parade as part of our ongoing outreach efforts," stated Chair Giles, "and the parade officials were thrilled to have Native Americans included in the event."

The parade route will be on Agnew in Stockyards City. For further information, call 405-204-0536

Lt. Gov. Keel elected to Indian National Congress leadership

Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel

Chickasaw Nation Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel was elected first vice-president of the National Congress of American Indians during the group's recent national convention in Tulsa, Okla.

"I am honored to have been elected to the position of First Vice President of the National Congress of American Indians," said Lt. Gov. Keel. "As the oldest and largest Indian organization in the country, NCAI unites the voices of tribal nations across the country, and is committed to improving the lives of Indian people.

"I look forward to working with tribal leaders to meet the challenges that we face in protecting tribal sovereignty, enhancing Indian health care, and educating and training our people for the future."

Lt. Gov. Keel, who had been vice president of the Eastern Oklahoma area, was elected with 15,275 votes to 8,508 votes for runner-up Jonathan Windy Boy.

Joe Garcia, Governor of Ohkay Owingeh, (Pueblo of San Juan, New Mexico), was elected President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) at the organization's 62nd Annual Convention.

Garcia has served as NCAI first Vice-President since 2003, two terms as San Juan Lt. Governor and two terms as San Juan Governor. A community advocate, Garcia serves as a school board chairman and President of TSAY, a tribally owned business.

"We must protect our culture, our people and our language," said Garcia. "One person, one tribe cannot do it as it takes a multitude of power, of organizations, a multitude of spirit and the Indian mind to get us to the next level. We cannot turn over decisions to Congress, the President or state legislatures. We have to do it ourselves, we have to do our part as one nation—the Indian nation. I am committed to lead in this great effort."

"President-elect Garcia will be a great leader for NCAI," said outgoing NCAI President Tex G. Hall. "He has proven to be a successful Governor for the San Juan Pueblo and I know that will translate into effective, progressive leadership on the national stage that will benefit Indian people for generations. On behalf of NCAI Executive Board and staff, I offer sincere congratulations to Joe Garcia and wish him the best in his new role as leader of this great organization."

Other NCAI election results: Juana Majel-Dixon, the Pauma Band of Mission Indians of California was re-elected as Recording Secretary; and W. Ron Allen, Chairman of the Jamestown S'Klallam tribe of Washington was re-elected Treasurer.

Founded in 1944, the NCAI (www.ncai.org) advocates on behalf of more than 250 tribal governments, promoting strong tribal-federal government-to-government policies, and promoting a better understanding among the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights.

Chickasaw Nation CHRs honored

Chickasaw Nation legislator Dean McManus, left, was honored as the first president of the Oklahoma Association of Community Health Representatives at the group's recent 20th annual conference. Chickasaw Nation CHR Pamela Aguilar congratulates Mrs. McManus on the honor.

Chickasaw Nation CHR Tammy Blevins-Purser, right, was honored as tribal Community Health Representative of the Year at the recent annual conference of the Oklahoma Association of Community Health Representatives. Chickasaw Nation CHR Pamela Aguilar, center, was honored for her work on Patient Care Component Patient Care Codes. Dione Harjo, Oklahoma Area Consultant CHR, EMS & Health Education, presented the awards.

Tammy Blevins-Purser was honored as tribal Community Health Representative of the year at the recent annual conference of the Oklahoma Association of Community Health Representatives.

Dean McManus was honored for her service as the first OAA-CHR president at the event conducted Sept. 20-24 in Tulsa.

Pamela Aguilar was honored for her work on Patient Care Component Patient Care Codes.

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Chickasaw veterans honored with special tribal medals

On November 18, several senior Chickasaw veterans were honored with a special Chickasaw Nation Veterans Medal presentation during the annual senior Thanksgiving dinner. Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel awarded the medals and a commemorative certificate to each veteran in attendance.

The medals are part of an effort to recognize Chickasaw citizens who have served in branches of the armed forces. Future presentations will be made annually in conjunction with Veterans Day to award veterans who have yet to receive their medals.

Lt. Governor Keel developed the idea and designed the medal based on the Native Warrior medal. It includes a full color representation of the Seal of the Chickasaw Nation.

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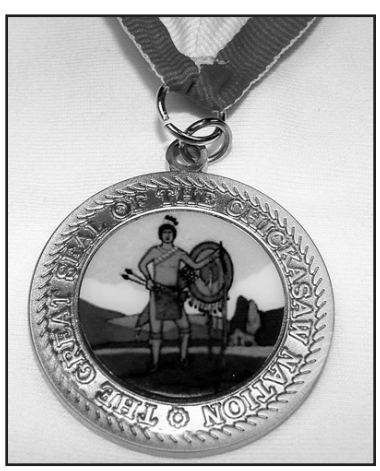

Chickasaw veteran Jim Perry, who is also a member of the Chickasaw Nation Color Guard, proudly wears his Veterans Medal during the Thanksgiving celebration. The two sides of the special tribal medal are shown at right. The medals were designed to recognize the service of all Chickasaw veterans who have served the country in the armed forces.

Chickasaw novelist, Pulitzer finalist 'careful observer of the world'

Linda Hogan

Renowned Chickasaw novelist, poet and playwright Linda Hogan recently visited Ada to speak to the Chickasaw Clemente class at East Central University.

Ms. Hogan, who has won numerous awards and was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for her novel "Mean Spirit," has a new book coming out soon entitled "The Man Who Killed the Whale."

A fictional work based on the story of an American Indian tribe in the northwest which became infamous for a misguided return to whaling, the book speaks to a number of political issues facing American Indians.

"I like to write about what's going on politically in native country and what's happening environmentally and crimes against creation," said Ms. Hogan, who added that much of her writing is a form of activism.

Recently, she has also taken that activist attitude into a business venture where she sells imports from nations around the world.

"Our products come from collectives so the artisans or the people who make the goods get well paid," said Ms. Hogan. "No child labor. No slave like conditions like we have here in the United States."

She sells primarily clothing, gift items and jewelry in a small store in Kittredge, Colo. She said she would also like to sell items from Native American artisans.

"I want to, but everyone sells their own things, so it's been really hard. I do have some native jewelry, but I'm buying it from people who are getting it from reservations themselves, so I'm not ale to make sure that the person who made it is getting the right price for their labor," said Ms. Hogan. "But, I would really like to. In fact, I want to represent our chocolate factory. I have chocolate from Africa. I might as well have Chickasaw chocolate," she added with a laugh.

After a successful career spanning more than two decades, Ms. Hogan indicated the ability to make a difference was her greatest accomplishment.

"I see places where change happens through the books with the younger students who suddenly see something about their own identity or their own life or where I get feedback, like from the Cree elders who say 'how does she know all this? She's never lived here.'

"Those things make me feel good. You know, those are things that make me feel good, when I get it right."

A self-described "careful observer of the world," Ms. Hogan said she has learned through her work with the Native Science Dialogues how important it is for Native people to retain their traditional knowledge.

She said Native people all over the world "come from ancestors or themselves have great knowledge of the world and the environment. And I do think some of it exists in us on a cellular level. You know, like sometimes it may just be a feeling we have or we know that something is wrong or something is right.

"Traditions are really significant and they also are a form of knowledge. Stories are a form of knowledge. The mythologies carry knowledge, the ceremonies – some of the ceremonies will have a ceremony centered around a plant, but the ceremony itself will include very insect and every bird that comes to that plant, or the water that passes by it, or the uses that people have for it, or the mountains nearby.

"Then each one of those things connects to something else. So, I think we really need to respect ourselves and what we know and what we have known. I think for us as Chickasaws – it's really important to look at what our knowledge systems were before the trail of tears.

"We need to really think about where we came from before that time."

For information on "Fair Trade," e-mail Ms. Hogan at horsemustang@aol.com

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Chickasaw author encourages young writers to be intuitive

After a very successful 25-year career as a novelist, poet, playwright and teacher, Linda Hogan says she would most like aspiring writers to know that "they can do it too."

"It's not hard," she said, "It's a matter of letting go of your normal state of mind and going with something that's intuitive, something that's inside."

In her own life, she seems to have dual personas.

"I love to write, but like that other thing is so separate from me that's it's almost like it's somebody else. I have a public life, but it's like it's somebody else," she said. "Then I go home and I shovel horse manure," she said with a hearty laugh. "I've been writing an essay about the beauty of manure and the things it attracts to it. The crows, the butterflies, how it looks when it frosts over the first time, she added," still laughing.

She added that another important thing for young writers is to be a careful observer of the world around them.

"I'm a very careful observer of nature. I love the world and I love the people and I love the animals – even the bugs," she said with a smile. "So, I think if you get to know the world, the world around you gets to know you, too and you develop a relationship. And that's really a traditional way of being."

Ms. Hogan pointed out that in many ways it is difficult for Chickasaws to experience that "traditional way of being."

"It's really hard for us, because we were colonized first among all the people (in the U.S.). So, we've lost more than Navajo and Lakota in some ways.

"But it's not impossible, because somehow we just know things from our blood. That's what I think anyway. That's what I feel. I just think we have to keep going back, and back, and back as much as we can."

Chilocco reunion set for June; Indian veterans to be honored

The year 2006 will be the Class of 1966's 40th anniversary.

Many of our classmates joined the armed forces before or soon after graduation. The Class of 1966 alumni would like to honor those who served in the armed forces at the annual Chilocco reunion on June 8-11, 2006.

If you know of a living or deceased classmate who is or was a veteran, please furnish their name, branch of service, and a picture by February 1, 2006. The picture will not be returned.

Also, the Class of 1966 is searching for other classmates and requesting their mailing addresses. Please mail this information to Pauletta Elephant Johnson, P.O. Box 531, Bixby, OK 74008, or call (918) 366-6158; e-mail address: johnson6158@olp.net.

One of These Days

One of theses days, I'm going to my heavenly home
To be with my loved ones who have already gone
It will be a great day to see everyone face to face
So Friends and loved ones prepare for that heavenly place
One of these days our Heavenly Father will call
It maybe one or it could be us all
He is coming back to get us we are told
To take us where everything is beautiful and streets are paved with gold
One of these days he will be calling you
You may not be ready but be prepared whatever you do
Your loved ones will be ready to shake you hand
To welcome you to the promise land
One of these days we will be in a place with no sorrow or pain
Things on earth are left behind but heaven is our gain
So practice what you preach In the Bible believe
It's more blessed to give than to receive
One of these days our time on earth will come to an end
We will have a new glorified body free from all sin
The fullfillment of the Bible is filling fast
One of these days the trumpet will sound and time will be no more
Are you getting your house in order to enter Heavens door
What a day of rejoicing that will be In glory land
When we enter in and shake the nail scarred hand

Magdelene Montgomery

Ada Council to meet Dec. 15

The Ada Chickasaw Community Council met on November 17, 2005 at the Marie Bailey Building. A Thanksgiving dinner was served and Autumn Underwood sang a song in Choctaw for the group.

Pauline Brown was elected Vice-President of the council and Pat Cox, now President of the council, conducted the meeting.

The December Chickasaw Community Council meeting will be December 15, 2005 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Marie Bailey Building on Jack John Circle. A silent auction is planned and refreshments will be served. A Santa game will be played. Come and join us at the Ada Chickasaw Community Council each month for information and speakers.

Tribe hosts Child Development Conference at ECU

April Bradbury assists Lonnie Manual, program therapist for the Chickasaw Nation, during his session on stress coping techniques.

The Chickasaw Nation Child Care Development Department hosted its Second Annual Child Development Conference on November 4-5 at East Central University in Ada.

Teachers, parents, grandparents and child care workers from around Oklahoma were able to choose from a variety of sessions including some of the industries hottest topics.

Experts from all fields of child care educated and enlightened attendees on many subjects from safety, literacy and exercise to art, self-esteem and behavior guidance.

With a luau theme, participants were able to enjoy the fun learning atmosphere which included door prizes, an exhibitors' hall and a luncheon with keynote speaker Mary Harding who has more than 30 years of experience in the field of child development.

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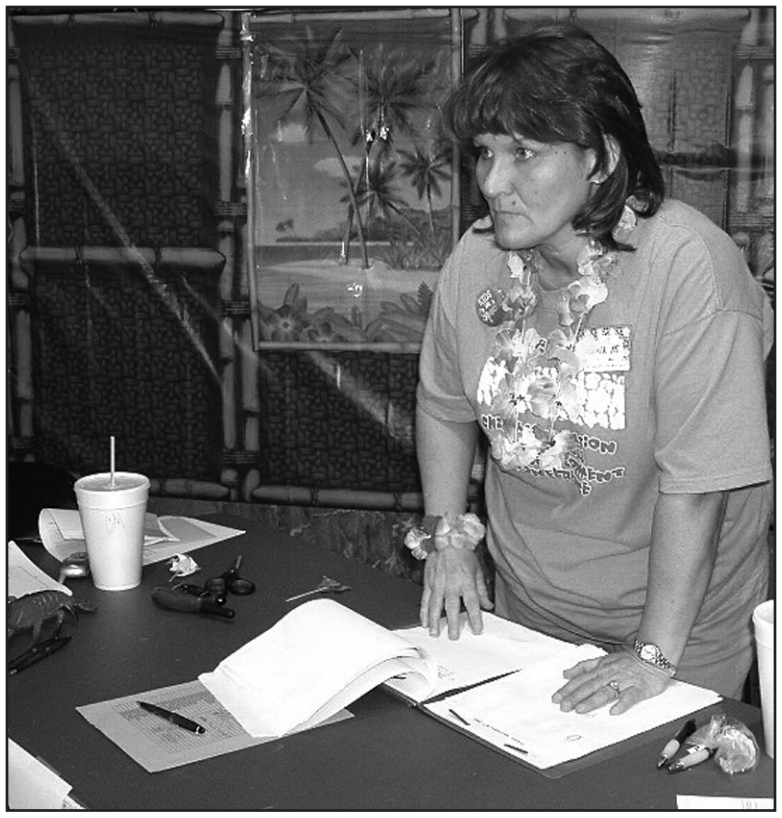

Carla Miller gets into the luau theme while checking in conference participants.

Security techniques

Sonny Hughes demonstrates a submission technique on Chickasaw security guard Joshua Vincent. Hughes, a Chickasaw with more than three decades of experience in martial arts and law enforcement, was in Ada recently to offer training to law enforcement officers and security personnel.

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After School Program

Food Demonstration Specialist Alicson Scott, left, demonstrates carving techniques to Johnsey Walker, Zachary Walker and Jonthan Walker as they work on their pumpkins.

Students who participated in the Chickasaw Nation After School Program recently spent an afternoon carving pumpkins for the holidays. While working on their creations, they were also taught pumpkin nutritional facts and roasted their own pumpkin seeds.

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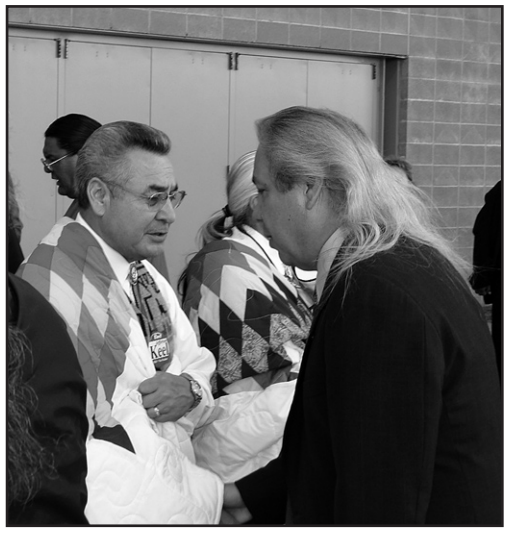
After cleaning out the inside of her pumpkin, Alexandra Smith, right, begins to carve on her design.

National Congress of American Indians national convention

Color Guard member Mike Reed, Chickasaw Princess Tamela Alexander and Lighthorse Police Officer Dusk Monetathchi with the Chickasaw flag during opening ceremonies at the NCAI national convention.



John Echohawk, right, of the Native American Rights Fund congratulates Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel on his election as first vice president of the National Congress of American Indians.

Shannon, Jett and Reggie Robbins from the Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Boys and Girls Club walk with Olymic Gold medalist Billy Mills, left, during the diabetes walk at the National Congress of American Indians national convention.

Hina Falaa production story of early Chickasaw Nation

On November 7, the Chickasaw Theatre Company presented a one-act play entitled *Hina Falaa, The Long Journey*. The play was adapted by Lorie Robins, tribal Performing Arts Coordinator, and included original music composed by David Ballard, tribal Multimedia Department Creative Manager.

Through music, dance and colorful costume and set designs created by the Multimedia Department, *Hina Falaa* told a story from long ago, when two brothers, Chiksa and Chatah, led their people to a new home in a far-off land. From this long journey, two great Indian nations were created, the Choctaws and the Chickasaws.

The play, directed by tribal Arts and Humanities Division Administrator Lona Barrick, included a special appearance by the Chickasaw Children's Choir, conducted by Phillip Berryhill.

The cast members of the Hina Falaa Production.

Cast members include:

Storyteller
Julie Ray

Hopaye
Kevin Worden

Miko Chiksa
Ric Miller

Miko Chatah
Steve Jacob

Kowi Ishto, Big Cat, Chiksa Follower
Jeremy Wallace

Nashoba, Wolf, Chatah Follower
Clete Robins

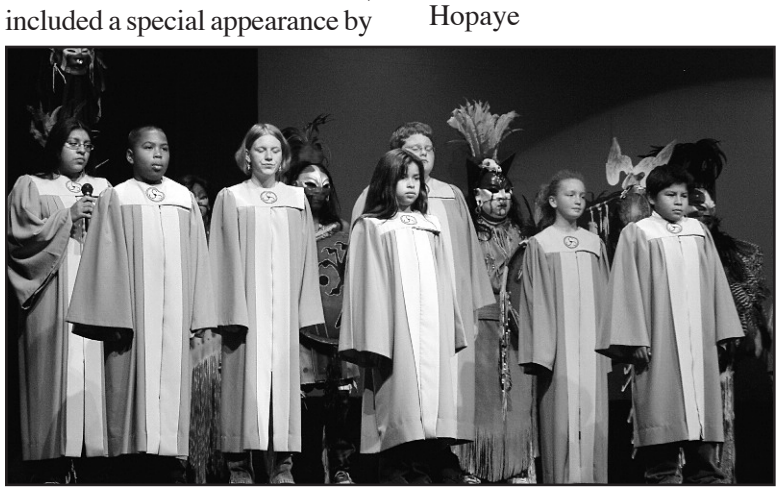
Fohshe, Bird, Sister
Kate Duty

Chokfi, Rabbit, Sister
Cati Newport

Ishke, Mother
Kathleen Duty

Intikbe, Brother
Brandon Clifton

Loksi, Turtle, Little Sister
Madelyn Duty



Members of the Chickasaw Children's Choir delighted the crowd performing two songs in the Chickasaw Theatre Company production of Hina Falaa.

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MANAGEMENT
Regional Manager, Help Desk Manager, IT Project Managers,

ADMINISTRATIVE
File Clerk, Administrative Assistant

Healthy Holiday Cooking classes offer tasty alternatives

Community Dietitian Whitney Hollingsworth shares her "light" version of pumpkin pie with class participants.

The Chickasaw Nation Food and Nutrition Services recently offered Healthy Holiday Cooking classes to teach a few tasty but healthy alternatives to some of the holiday's traditional dishes. Community Dietitian Whitney Hollingsworth, RD, LD demonstrated easy recipes that can help add "light" dishes to the dinner table.

Two recipes offered include Broccoli Slaw Salad with Cranberries and Low-Fat Pumpkin Mousse Pie.

Broccoli Slaw Salad with Cranberries

(1/2 cup serving = 6g total fat, 11g total carbs, 7g sugars)

Ingredients:

- 1 12 oz. package broccoli slaw
- 2 medium green onions, chopped
- ¼ cup slivered almonds
- ¾ cup dried, sweetened cranberries
- 2 tablespoons Canola oil
- ¼ cup vinegar
- 2 tablespoons Splenda*
- 1 seasoning packet from Oriental Ramen Noodles

*Splenda that measures cup for cup like sugar

Directions:

- Mix together broccoli slaw, onions, almonds and cranberries
- In separate bowl, mix oil, vinegar, Splenda and seasoning packet
- Toss dressing with salad
- Refrigerate overnight

Low-Fat Pumpkin Mousse Pie

(1/8 of pie serving = 7g total fat, 30g total carbs, 10g sugars)

Ingredients:

- 1 Reduced-fat Graham Cracker Pie Crust
- 2 cups skim milk
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 (1 ounce) package Sugar Free Instant Vanilla Pudding Mix
- 1 tablespoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 (8 ounce) container light whipped topping, thawed

Directions:

- Combine milk, pumpkin, pudding mix and spice in a mixing bowl
- Beat with electric mixer until smooth
- Fold in half of the whipped topping
- Spoon into pie crust
- Freeze or refrigerate at least 2 hours
- Top with remaining whipped topping before serving

For more information about future healthy cooking classes, call (580) 421-6223 ext. 81616.

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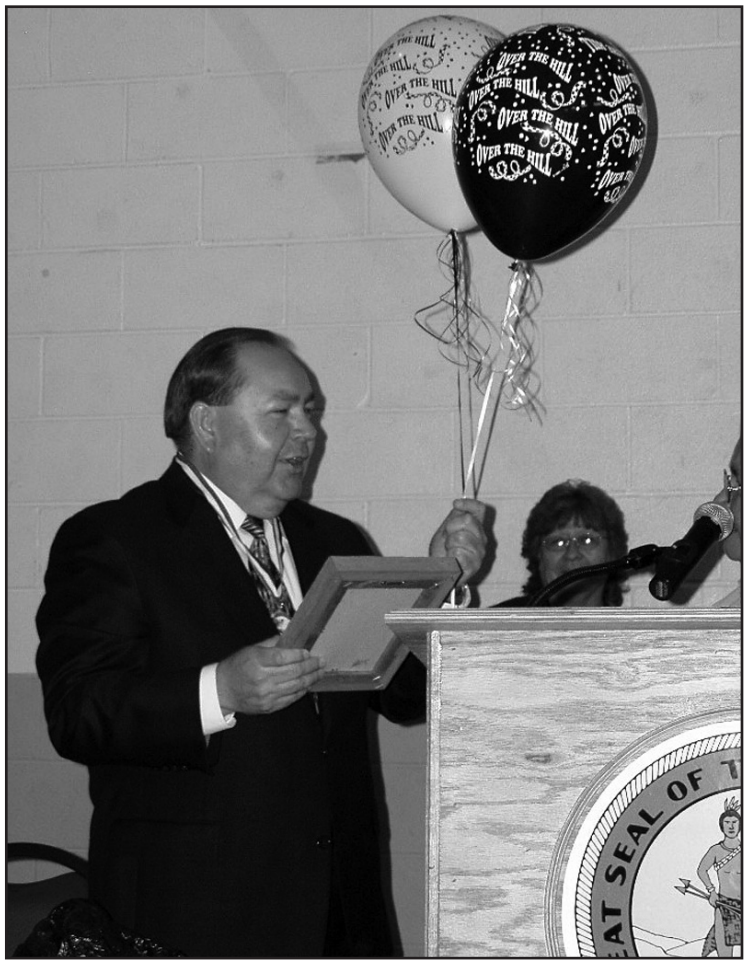
Governor 'officially' a senior



Governor Bill Anoatubby is presented "Over the Hill" balloons and gifts by members of the area Senior Sites. The gifts were in honor of Governor Anoatubby's 60th birthday.

Senior site Chickasaws gather for Thanksgiving Feast in Ada

Peer counselor knows firsthand the benefits of breastfeeding

Krista Mee began working as a breastfeeding peer counselor with the Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program June 1, 2005. However, her passion about the benefits of breastfeeding began long before she arrived at the Chickasaw Nation. Her story is one that speaks volumes about breastfeeding.

Krista had her first daughter, Amber, at the age of eighteen. She says as a young mother she didn't realize how her decisions would affect every aspect of her child's life. More importantly, she was never taught those things either. She had a desire to breastfeed but no real foundation on why or how.

She was sent home from the hospital with her daughter and no instructions or help on what to do next. Her baby had been bottle fed in the hospital, but Krista still had the desire to breastfeed.

"The nurses 'kindly' let me sleep at night," Krista says, "but I was confused as to why I had such a hard time doing the natural thing."

One day after coming home, Amber was back in the hospital with jaundice. Krista was told to pump because the doctors said the breast milk would only make the jaundice worse. From then on she continued to pump but was supplementing quite a bit with formula, making bottles so family members could help "feed" the baby.

"When Amber was almost six months old, we both got chicken pox," Krista stated. "I had a high fever so I gave up breastfeeding."

Krista says Amber was always sick; ear infections, allergies, asthma and then, at 15, Amber developed insulin dependent diabetes. Because there are no diabetics on either side of the family, Krista began to ask herself where it all came from.

Krista was expecting her second child when the family moved to Alaska. There, Krista became involved with a breastfeeding mother's support group, La Leche. Through this peer group, Krista says she learned so much from the other mothers and chose to breastfeed each of her four other children a year to two years.

"None of my other children were ever sick; no ear infections, allergies, asthma, cavities or diabetes," Krista remembers. "I was devastated when I learned that breastfeeding can help prevent diabetes and other health problems. There is not a day that goes by that I don't see my daughter taking her five (insulin) shots a day and I don't die a little."

Krista says the guilt she has is something she didn't want any other young woman to have to experience.

"I wanted to be a Peer Counselor," she added, "so I could give moms information that may help them to make positive choices."

It's that passion that brought Krista to the Chickasaw Nation and pushes her to counsel and care for the young mothers she meets each day. She has found her place helping others learn the important lessons that she missed as an eighteen year old mother, and that will speak volumes in their lives and the lives of their children.

Krista and her husband Nick have six daughters, Amber 18, Kayla 17, Jacqueline 10, Emily 8, Madeline 7, and the newest addition to their family is expected to make her arrival around Valentine Day. The Mee family makes its home in Noble, Oklahoma.

Note: The WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor program was established to provide support and education to mothers who want to breastfeed. Peer Counselors are available in all WIC locations and surrounding areas in the following cities: Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Duncan and Purcell. Debra Cox, a board certified Lactation Consultant, coordinates the program and offers specialized help to moms having difficulties establishing breastfeeding.

Their goal is to make breastfeeding the preferred method of infant feeding for all mothers as is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. For help and support in the area of breastfeeding call (580) 399-2002, (580) 310-6420, or the toll free breastfeeding warm line, (888) 439-8970.

Krista Mee

ATV training

Members of the Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue Team and the Chickasaw Nation Rangers recently participated in an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) training conducted by Ranger Supervisor and ATV instructor Rick Carson. Those completing the training include, from left, David Saint, Ron Scott, Gary Carter, Rick Carson, Todd Warren and Carlin Thompson.

Lighthorse chief at Kiwanis

Chief Jason O'Neal

Tribal Lighthorse Police Chief Jason O'Neal was recently invited to speak at the Kiwanis Club Meeting in Ada, Oklahoma. Chief O'Neal shared the history and vision of the Lighthorse Police Department with club members and fielded questions regarding the department's service to the citizens of Ada.

Boiling Springs Church marker dedicated

Marker dedicated at Boiling Springs Church. Front row from left are Geneva Holman, Frazier family representative Laura Watson, and Pauline Brown, Chickasaw Historical Society member and descendant of the Frazier family. Second row from right are Boiling Springs minister Jefferson Frazier, tribal legislator Beth Alexander, Lt. Gov Jefferson Keel, Kennedy Brown, tribal legislator Dean McManus, Governor Bill Anoatubby and tribal legislator Judy Goforth Parker.

A marker was recently dedicated at the site of Boiling Springs United Methodist Church, which was a site of great significance in the formation of the Chickasaw Nation.

In 1846 and 1848, Chickasaw leaders met at Boiling Springs to begin drafting the constitution and first laws.

Early in the twentieth century, after missionaries suggested building a church on the site, members of the Frazier and Burris families chopped cotton to raise money to buy the land.

The original church was built about 1911.

Descendants of those first families still attend and support the church, which continues to be a center for the Chickasaw language.

'Its About Money'

Venture capital is 'patient money,' but there is no free lunch

J.D. Colbert

By J.D. COLBERT

Venture capital is oftentimes a very important component of financing for business entrepreneurs to either start or to expand their business. Unlike debt which requires periodic payments of principal and interest, venture capital is "patient money." The venture capitalist essentially becomes a stockholder in the companies in which they invest. As such, they only receive a return on their money only after any debt obligations have been retired. Frequently this means that the venture capitalist will only get paid if and when the company might be sold to investors.

Venture capital, being patient money, may sound appealing to the business owner but it is both hard to find and frequently comes at a high price. In many cases the high price isn't just a matter of finances but has more to do with control of the company. Since the venture capitalist becomes stock owners in the companies in which they invest, they also expect to have a large degree of input into various decisions that affect the running of the company. As a business owner, you should first ask yourself whether you are willing to give up a large degree of control over your company in return for the invested funds.

Also, you should be aware that venture capitalists are very picky about the types of companies that they are looking to place investments. Typically, each venture capital company develops a specialty within a given industry, such as, for example, bioscience. Thus, if your company isn't in that particular industry, it is not likely that a venture capital firm will consider an investment. You should thus look for a venture capital company that may specialize in your particular industry.

In addition, venture capital firms develop strong preference for investing in a given company depending upon the life cycle stage of the company. Many venture capital firms will avoid making an investment in any startup company. They consider such start up companies to be far too risky. They frequently will want the company to have been in business a certain amount of years. Furthermore, most venture capital companies will expect the applicant firm to have achieved a certain level of sales volume before they will consider an investment.

Finally, most venture capital companies will be looking to define an "exit strategy" before they make their investment. Most often, such an exit strategy may mean taking the company public or otherwise selling the company to other investors or another much larger company in the same line of business. Thus, if you should be considering approaching a venture capital company for funding you should realize that they will generally be agitating to sell your company at the first good opportunity.

There are a number of sources to look for venture capital companies. The National Association of Small Business Investment Companies (www.nasbic.org) is a good source for SBA licensed Small Business Investment Companies. A good local source in Oklahoma is the Oklahoma Venture Forum (www.ovf.org). They have a great website full of useful information. In addition, the OVF holds monthly luncheons on the second Wednesday of every month September-June here in Oklahoma City. The OVF usually lets selected companies "make their pitch" to the venture capitalists at these monthly meetings.

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Ada Head Start Kids enjoy 'Trick or Treat!'

New website follows Chickasaws across the 18th Century

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

Less than two years ago, no known Chickasaws and only a handful of Mississippians knew the locations of the four major homeland settlements prior to removal beginning in 1837. These were the four identified as of 1720 by English trader James Adair in his book, *History of American Indians*.

But today, anyone with access to the Internet can go to a new website that will show approximate locations for not only the ridge-top settlements but some of the individual Chickasaw village sites that make up the settlements.

The village sites are shown on a chronological series of maps throughout the pivotal 18th century as the Chickasaws moved, consolidated and finally dispersed in response to colonial powers that either were courting or trying to crush the tribe. The maps illustrate the villages' relative location to one another, but don't provide enough detail for looters to find them. Since Chickasaws buried their dead under their houses, each village is also a cemetery.

The content of the website, aptly named TheChickasawVillages.com, was developed by a Tupelo civil engineer, Steve Cook, who is one of those handful previously alluded to. He developed the website because he wanted to share his knowledge with Chickasaw people.

Growing up in Tupelo, Cook always knew that Chickasaws had formerly lived in the area. He had seen "Indian relics" of farmers and his Uncle Banks Livingston. But he had only a passing interest until the 1970s when he was just starting his engineering career and Tupelo was amidst another phase of expanding and developing. During this highly active stage, large numbers of artifacts and even human remains were unearthed by heavy equipment. When they got no response from officials who they had alerted Cook and friends, Julian Riley and Buddy Palmer, decided to save whatever artifacts they could.

In the late 1970s, as they were assembling their own individual collections, they expanded their search for more artifacts as part of a systematic study of matching artifacts and their locations with descriptions in colonial records. In 1980, they wrote, copyrighted and distributed a paper, "Historic Chickasaw Village Locations."

The sources cited were all documents with no references to artifacts. Some Harvard archaeologists expressed interest in their paper and findings, but advised them to bolster it by adding information about the artifacts and provenience (discovery location). Because the archaeologists were committed to a long-term project in the lower Mississippi Valley, no collaboration ensued and the paper was not expanded. They hoped to donate or sell their collections to a Chickasaw cultural center which was periodically proposed for Tupelo, but never built.

After the Chickasaw Nation initiated contact with the three men in 2003, negotiations resulted in the tribe acquiring their substantial artifact collections *and* the information on where most of the artifacts had been unearthed. (See April 2004 *Times*.) Buoyed by this advance, Cook decided to update and improve the 1980 paper. Eventually, he developed three papers, the first of which is posted on his website.

In one segment of Paper 1, the village locations are presented decade by decade throughout the 18th century. This segment is supplemented and complemented by sections of maps and listings of primary source material and references. Another section provides information on two keys, which enabled the collectors to discover locations of the remnants of long-buried Chickasaw villages. One was English trader James Adair's general description of three of four ridge-top settlements as of 1720. This is found in Adair's 500-page book, which was originally published in 1776.

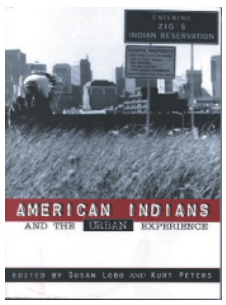
The other key was the 1832 surveyor field maps and notes, noting locations for a variety of useful markers that are no longer evident today. "Prairies" and "oldfields" usually corresponded to areas of former occupation. The locations of numerous swamps virtually surrounding the Old Town area (today in north Tupelo) was the reason why the beleaguered Chickasaws chose to settle in that area through much of the 18th century. Cook believes some of the swamps were created by the dam-producing work of beavers which were much in evidence according to English Indian agent Thomas Nairne in 1708.

In Paper 2, which Cook says should be on-line in December, he explains how he dated the collections' thousands of European trade beads that he and others found or unearthed at the village sites. It is a technical paper that should generate serious review among archaeologists who specialize in southeastern Indian history. Paper 3 will include an explanation of how dating the beads in association with other artifacts, such as silver and shell ornaments, enabled Cook to develop occupation date ranges. In sum, the papers, illustrations and tables enable the user to see Chickasaw movement throughout the 18th century and understand the related motivating factors.

At the bottom of Cook's homepage, users may click on author's e-mail to send him comments or questions.

Check it out . . . at the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library!

Featured Selections of the Month



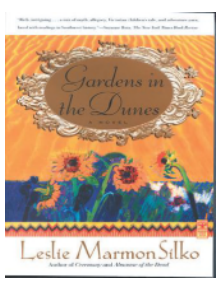
American Indians And The Urban Experience

Edited by Susan Lobo and Kurt Peters

Back Cover: Modern American Indian life is Urban, rural, and everything in-between. Lobo and Peters have compiled an unprecedented collection of innovative scholarship, stunning art, poetry, and prose that documents American Indian experiences of urban life.

Gardens In The Dunes

Leslie Marmon Silko



Back Cover: A sweeping, multifaceted tale of a young Native American pulled between the cherished traditions of a heritage on the brink of extinction and an encroaching white culture, *Gardens in the Dunes* is the powerful story of a woman's quest to reconcile two worlds that are diametrically opposed.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library
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Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dream of owning your own home?

CHUKA CHUKMASI is a secondary market Conventional Loan for Chickasaw Citizens and Chickasaw Nation Employees. The CNDHTD can assist you with down payment and closing costs. Qualified borrowers invest as little as $500.00. We offer expanded underwriting guidelines that allow those with less than perfect credit to be approved. There are no income guidelines. Maximum loan amount is $359,650.00 and the minimum is $10,000. In addition we can assist with refinancing for homeowners who want to lower their interest rates and or payments.

NEW CONSTRUCTION LOANS: Are you interested in building your own home? If you have been approved for your 30 year financing, Housing Counseling & Loan Services can provide an interim construction loan for you to build your home. This program is open to Chickasaws and employees of the Chickasaw Nation anywhere in the State of Oklahoma. The interest rate on the construction loan is only 5%, the term is 6 months and be prepared to make interest payments on the construction loan during construction. Please call us for further information.

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM: Do you need to make improvements to your home but just don't have the money? Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development's Home Improvement Loan Program may be the answer. Maximum loan amount is $30,000.00; interest rate is 5% and maximum term is 10 years. You must be able to qualify for the loan, must have fee simple title and cannot already have a 2nd mortgage for home improvements. Available only for Chickasaws and employees of the Chickasaw Nation in the State of Oklahoma. Work must be completed by a licensed contractor.

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Day of Philanthropy focuses on nurturing a strong foundation

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Day of Philanthropy and Awards Luncheon were October 11, 2005 at the Meinder's School of Business on the campus of Oklahoma City University. The AFP Day of Philanthropy is presented by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. It featured guest speakers as well as sessions led by nationally-recognized speakers on topics ranging from grant writing to corporate giving. The theme for this year's event was "Philanthropy: The Cycle that Keeps Giving."

Mr. Doug Ulman, Director of Survivorship for the Lance Armstrong Foundation in Austin, Texas, was the luncheon speaker. Only 28, Doug Ulman is a three-time cancer survivor and national cancer survivorship advocate. Doug founded the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults, a non-profit organization to provide support, education and resources to young adults afflicted by cancer, as well as their families and friends.

The awards luncheon was hosted to honor local philanthropists, organizations, individual fundraisers and volunteers. Each honoree received a $250 award for the charity of his or her choice.

Ms. Johnna R. Walker, Executive Director, and Ms. Tracie Carter, Special Projects Coordinator, both of the Chickasaw Foundation assisted with the Planning Committee for the 2005 Day of Philanthropy and served on the Luncheon Sub-Committee.

Paula Porter, chairman of the Day of Philanthropy planning committee, and Doug Ulman, director of the Lance Armstrong Foundation.

Friends of the Foundation

Kennedy Brown presents the award for the 2005 Chickasaw Foundation Outstanding Volunteer Group to Gary Wear, who accepted on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation Child Care Department Center.

Deanna Hartley-Kelso presents the award for the 2005 Chickasaw Foundation Outstanding Corporate Donors to Brent Wright, who accepted on behalf of the Native American Fund Advisors.

The Chickasaw Foundation hosted its 4th annual Friends of the Foundation reception on November 10, 2005 at the First Baptist Church, Education Building. The event is held annually to honor donors and volunteers who give their time, resources and talents to assist with our events, activities and programs throughout the year. The Chickasaw Foundation presented awards to the following:

- Christina Hamilton – Outstanding Volunteer
- Native American Fund Advisors – Outstanding Corporate Donor
- Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center – Outstanding Volunteer Group
- Rob Jacks – Employee Charitable Contribution Plan Donor of the Year

Refreshments were provided to the many people who joined us for a pleasant afternoon.

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker presented Christina Hamilton the 2005 Chickasaw Founddation Outstanding Volunteer award.

Ada Boys & Girls Club offers great variety of activities for local youth

The Chickasaw Foundation would like to ask the contributors who donate to the Foundation to notify them of any address changes due to the new 911 laws. We will need to update your address so that you may receive your year-end tax receipt.

The Chickasaw Foundation donates the money from this plan to local charities. One of the charities selected this year was The Ada Boys & Girls Club.

Since 1962, the local Boys and Girls Club has been serving children ages 6-18 in many different ways. Currently, more than 800 youth are served through recreational soccer, wrestling and basketball; as well as an outstanding summer program and after-school tutoring. The Club offers a safe, positive place for children during off-school hours. Due to United Way support, grants from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs and donations, the Club is able to offer quality programs at a low cost. The donation made by the Chickasaw Foundation, on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation employees, has been set aside for an endowment fund.

For more information, call 332-3717, or visit the Club personally at 915 S. Hickory.

'Winter Welcome'

We will host our annual Winter Welcome on December 9 at 10 a.m. The public is invited to stop by our office and tour our facilities while enjoying the wonderful refreshments, entertainment and a chance to win a stocking full of goodies.

Upward Bound students benefit from ZOO FUNd

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students enjoyed a trip to the Oklahoma City Zoo on Saturday, October 15. The zoo trip was made available through a ZOO FUNd for kids grant from the Oklahoma Zoological Society through the Chickasaw Foundation. Prior to arriving at the zoo, students were treated to a meal at Olive Garden restaurant. Students participating were Thressa Brewer, John Costiloe, Kylea Daniel, Curtis Harpole, Riley Harpole, Felix Martinez, Joshua Sisco, Jacob Standridge, Stephanie Benner, Taylor Britt, Jessica Carter, Jenifer Pedigo, Amanda Riley, Ashley Talbott, Brandon Wilkerson, Sirena Adams, Amanda Brantley, Andrea Brumley, Britni Carrigo, Justin Costley, Julie Emerson, Jessica Fels, Jessica Joslin, Cynthia Lozano, Lilnita Lozano, Angela Moore, Janie Sampson, Crystal Schwartz, Patricia Schwartz, Jessica Willis and Kayla Bertwell.

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students at the Oklahoma City Zoo.

Fall named Foundation Scholarship Recipient

Tara Fall

Congratulations to Ms. Tara Fall who was recently selected as the 2005-2006 recipient of the *Frederick L. Hill – The Hill Group Scholarship* from the Chickasaw Foundation.

Ms. Fall is a sophomore at East Central University and has been accepted into the nursing program. She is originally from Tishomingo, and is an employee at the Chickasaw Nation Health Systems Laboratory.

Burk named academic advisor for Foundation Talent Search program

Kacie Burk

Ms. Kacie Burk is the new academic advisor for the Chickasaw Foundation Educational Talent Search program. She is from Comanche, Oklahoma and has lived in Ada for the past six years. She received her bachelor's degree in May from East Central University and is pursuing a master's degree in counseling.

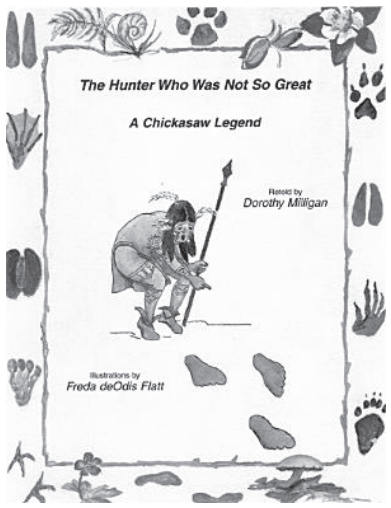
Brantley named new Foundation board member

Wesley D. Brantley, Jr.

Mr. Wesley D. Brantley, Jr. is the newest Board member for the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees. Mr. Brantley recently retired as the Chief Financial Officer for the Chickasaw Nation and brings a wealth of financial knowledge to the Board. He has been married to Susan Alden Brantley for 37 years and they have four children.

The Hunter Who Was Not So Great:

A Chickasaw Legend The Hunter Who Was Not So Great centers around a brave hunter who becomes a little too confident in his abilities and must learn the lesson of not bragging. This lesson is delivered by Ihoff, the giant who lives deep in the forest and possesses strange powers including a "secret weapon."



You can receive a FREE copy of this book with your $25 donation to the Chickasaw Foundation. Complete the order form below and mail, with your donation, to the Foundation at P.O. 1726, Ada, OK 74821-1726 or visit our office at 110 West 12th Street in Ada.

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Indian Ambassadors Program seeks emerging Indian leaders

Young Indian adults who seek to learn about tribal leadership, and contribute to future tribal vision and involvement, are encouraged to apply for the American Indian Ambassadors Program.

The Ambassadors program is supported by Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO), a long-established Indian organization dedicated to indigenous rights and the support of emerging Indian leaders.

Applicants to the Ambassadors program may be from a federally-recognized or non-recognized tribe and must be between the ages of 25 and 35.

The Ambassadors program seeks individuals who have a strong sense of community and a proven commitment to service. Ambassadors historically come from many backgrounds, varied levels of formal education, and who represent different professions and vocations.

The Ambassador program application has been developed to allow for a broad range of responses and creative answers, not all limited to the written word. The selection committee welcomes video and audio tape submissions, dvds and cds, as well as typed or handwritten essays.

Ambassador candidates are required to obtain two nomination forms from people in their communities. Applicants are further required to submit a proposal for a community initiative to be carried out during the program.

"The AIO Ambassadors Program is a dynamic gift to Native America," for Interior Department Assistant Secretary Ada Deer said. "When I meet Ambassadors, they are aglow with this exciting experience that touches their hearts and minds and inspires them to strive for leadership or service."

Deadline for submission of Ambassador program applications is Jan. 8, 2006.

For more information, contact Ron Martinez Looking Elk, Ambassador Program Recruitment Coordinator, at (505) 842-8677 or rmlookingelk@aio.org

The AIO website is www.aio.org

The AIO mailing address is 1001 Marquette Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Holiday fire safety practices important for entire family

The holidays are a great time of year for parties, decorations, cozy nights by the fireplace and celebrations but, according to the National Fire Protection Association, holiday celebrations may put your home at risk for fire.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing Tribal Development's Code & Life Safety Enforcement Section has provided the following safety tips written by the National Fire Protection Association.

1) Party Safety

Use flame-retardant or non-combustible materials for decorations. Encourage smokers to step outside. Provide smokers with deep, sturdy ashtrays.

2) Lights and Candles

Use lights that bear the label of an independent testing lab. Throw away sets of lights that have cracked or frayed cords or loose or damaged sockets. Don't overload electrical outlets. Unplug all decorative lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Put candles securely in non-tip candle holders. Keep candles well away from Christmas trees, decorations, curtains and other combustibles. Don't leave candles burning unattended or within reach of small children. Extinguish candles before leaving the room or going to bed.

3) Christmas Trees

Cut a tree or buy a fresh one that is not shedding its needles. Cut the trunk at an angle and install the tree in a large, deep, non-tip stand well away from fireplaces, exits and heat sources. Be sure the tree has a constant supply of water and check the water level daily. If the tree dries out, remove it promptly and store it away from your home until it can be disposed.

4) Heating Hazards

Keep all fixed and portable space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn – newspapers, furniture, even walls. Use the right fuel for liquid-fuel heaters. Be sure they are vented properly. Refill them when they are cool in well-ventilated areas.

Have furnace installations and all chimneys inspected once a year and cleaned as appropriate or whenever a problem is suspected.

Keep fireplace fires small and use a fireplace screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. Don't leave children alone in a room with a fireplace fire. Never burn trash or paper in a fireplace. Burning paper can float up the chimney and onto the roof or into the yard. Remove ashes in a metal container and don't store ashes indoors.

For more information on fire safety tips, visit the National Fire Protection Association online at www.nfpa.org or contact the Manager of the Chickasaw Nation Code & Life Safety Enforcement Section at (580) 272-5400.

EQIP funds available for conservation work

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land. EQIP is delivered and administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

EQIP offers contracts with a minimum one-year term and a maximum term of ten years. These contracts provide incentive payments and cost-shares to implement conservation practices. Persons who are engaged in livestock or agricultural production on eligible land may participate in the EQIP program. EQIP activities are carried out according to an environmental quality incentives program plan of operations developed in conjunction with the producer that identifies the appropriate conservation practice or practices to address the resource concerns. The practices are subject to NRCS technical standards adapted for local conditions.

2006 EQIP applications must be obligated under contract by March 15, 2006. According to Clay Horton, Tribal Resource Conservationist, for applications to be evaluated for 2006 funding, they must be received by December 15, 2005. Applications may be received at any County Farm Service Center or contacting the Tribal Resource Conservationist.

"A local emphasis area (LEA) was designated in 2005 that targeted trust lands within the Chickasaw Nation," Horton said.

The 2005 program only addressed grazing lands but will be expanded in 2006 to include resource concerns in crop land as well.

The 2005 Chickasaw Nation LEA received over 20 applications that resulted in five contracts. The contracts totaled over $28,000 and ranged from as little as $315 to over $10,500 each. "Planned practices included chemical control of mesquite to gully shaping and grade stabilization structures", Horton said.

For operations that are not on restricted lands, the program is available through the local NRCS office and will address resource concerns identified for the local area. You may contact Clay Horton, Tribal Resource Conservationist at (580) 332-8167 or your local office. You may also find information on the internet at ok.nrcs.usda.gov

Scholarships available to Indian students choosing natural resourses college study

Indian students with an interest in the study of natural resources are encouraged to apply for special scholarship awards from a Northwestern council.

The Intertribal Timber Council, of Portland, Oregon, is seeking Indian students who are high school seniors or who are currently attending college and have an interest in studying natural resources.

The Council's scholarship program, the Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program, is dedicated to the support of Native American students pursuing higher education in natural resources.

Scholarship awards are $1,800 for college students; $1,200 for graduating high school seniors.

Scholarship applicants must submit a letter of application demonstrating an interest in natural resources; a commitment to education, community and culture; academic merit; and financial need. Three letters of reference are also required, as well as enrollment in a federally-recognized Indian tribe.

High school seniors must provide documentation of an application to an institution of higher education to study in the area of natural resources. Current grades must also be submitted.

College students must provide proof of study in the natural resources, along with most recent grades.

Deadline for applications is March 31, 2006.

Inquiries and applications may be directed to Intertribal Timber Council, Education Committee, 1112 N.E. 21st Ave., Portland, OR 97232-2114.

The phone number is (503) 282-4296. The website is www.itcnet.org

This scholarship program is named in honor of Truman D. Picard, a former Intertribal Timber Council board member and director of Colville Tribal Forestry.

Ag students sought for Noble scholarships

Students can now apply for the Sam Noble Scholarship in Agriculture and Technology.

Funded by the gift from the late Sam Noble, these scholarships will be awarded to several qualified students pursuing a degree in an agriculture-related discipline and to students pursuing a certificate or Associate Degree at an advances technology institution.

These scholarships are available who live in the following southern Oklahoma counties: Atoka, Bryan, Carter, Choctaw, Coal, Garvin, Jefferson, Johnston, Love, Marshall, McCurtain, Murray, Pontotoc, Pushmataha, and Stephens. Agriculture Scholarships are $2,500 per semester for undergraduate students for up to nine semesters and $3,125 per semester for graduate students for up to five semesters Technology scholarships are up to $1,875 per semester for up to six semesters.

The deadline for returning the completed application is February 15, 2006.

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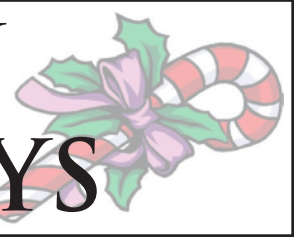

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Eighteenth Century captives judged by Chickasaw women

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

The bound prisoners are shoved and pushed into full view of the assembly of Chickasaws. Warriors had captured these three Choctaw men during a raid on their hunting camp. The Choctaws know the consequences of being captured all too well. Either they will be tortured and killed, sold into slavery or enslaved by a Chickasaw family who may sever the leg tendons of the prisoners to make escape difficult if not impossible. Adoption by the tribe is a slim possibility for one or more.

A select group of their captors will decide their fate, and if death is decreed, they may help carry out their torture and execution. They push and shove the three men into the village's ceremonial grounds, beating them repeatedly with dry cane and pine. Then using grapevine, they bind the captives' arms and tether them by the neck to a warpole erected vertically in the ground. A burning piece of wood is fastened to the war pole a little above their heads; this is the symbol that their fate has been sealed.

Actually, there was probably no suspense because the captives were more than likely the objects of the rite of revenge. Because they or some of their kin likely had killed Chickasaws from this village, these Choctaws had to atone. Male captives were usually killed because they were known or assumed to have shed Chickasaw blood. Exceptions might be made for very young males with few if any tattoos, signifying their inexperience as warriors.

The group of judges and their helpers pile the cane at the base of the war pole and set it afire with torches. Then, several among them encircle the pole at a distance of about 15 yards--the approximate length of the prisoners' tethers--singing and shaking gourd rattles containing pebbles. As the fire builds up, the prisoners scramble outward, but run headlong into the fiery torches of their executioners. All the while, the executioners sing and tribal members seem to enjoy the spectacle, even laughing scornfully at a prisoner if he shows any weakness of spirit. Ideally, warriors should suffer in silence, or rebuke their captors or go down fighting.

When a captive's burns induce unconsciousness or shock, they try to revive him by pouring cold water on him. If he comes around, the fiery torture ceremony continues. When he no longer can be revived, they scalp and put him to death. They tie the scalp to a branch extending from the roof of the house of the warrior whose death has been avenged.

What makes this account by English trader James Adair so extraordinary is that the judges/executioners were all women. And, in fact, Adair wrote that the torture carried out by the women was much more graphic than he cared to describe.

Still, Adair's relatively restrained description must be unsettling to modern-day Chickasaws who believe the lives of 18th century Chickasaw women consisted of unrelieved drudgery, raising crops and children and keeping house. How did such aggression fit into an otherwise placid tableau of female activities?

One might think that the warriors would finish what they started by dispatching the captives themselves. But the key to understanding this apparent paradox is to focus not on the women's violent acts but on the fact that the warriors brought the captives home so that the women could decide their fate.

This wasn't simply a concession or courtesy made by the male to the female, say two Chickasaw women with extensive knowledge of tribal history and culture. Jeannie Barbour and Glenda Galvan believe it was a custom likely rooted in prehistory, a part of the tribe's division of labor, in which men and women both played important but always distinct roles.

In Chickasaw culture, warriors raided enemy camps and villages and captured small numbers of men, women and children. Adjudicating, torturing and executing prisoners was women's work. According to Barbour, these diverse roles are but one example of the fact that Chickasaw men and women lived in two different universes. "About the only time they came together was to produce children," she says. While Galvan basically agrees, she adds that although "their roles were separate, the labor was in balance, which was necessary for the tribe's well-being."

Unfortunately, Adair didn't reveal, or more likely, didn't know, who these women were or represented. But, Barbour and Galvan believe that the women most likely would have been avenging family or clan members if the captives were known. These 18th century women were carrying out a sacred obligation, say Barbour and Galvan, whose knowledge is based on oral histories and family stories, written accounts and a considerable amount of thought.

If the prisoners were not known, the sentence was probably executed by a group of women at the behest of the clan mothers, beloved elders, says Barbour. They may have belonged to a council (for lack of a better word) within the tribe with a name that no colonial scribe ever knew. Barbour says that younger women's enthusiasm for or willingness to do the work may have increased their status in the eyes of the clan mothers. "This would stand to reason because we know that hard work on behalf of her family increased her status among the elders."

Not a single female name associated with these responsibilities exists in the colonial records. Likely, the Europeans, and later Americans, didn't understand the importance of these female decision-makers. Even if they had, Barbour and Galvan agree, women probably would have still been considered irrelevant because the outsiders didn't recognize that women played a vital yet behind-the-scenes role in the tribe's political decisions. Yet, Galvan says no important tribal matters were decided without consultation from these clan mothers.

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Adair doesn't say when this scene occurred. But he implies that he witnessed it, so this would have occurred in the two decades between 1743 and 1762. This was during a period when the Chickasaws--almost encircled by French allied tribes--were fighting for their survival as a tribe. In the 1750s, the number of warriors had dipped to an 18th century low, estimated at 350.

The dire need for more warriors must have been a factor in the women's life-and- death decisions. It seems reasonable to Galvan and Barbour that the clan mothers would have balanced the tribe's need for additional warriors with the risk of adopting captives that might kill Chickasaws if they got the chance. In a matrilineal tribe (in which lineage is traced through the mother), Galvan says it was also the women's duty to place the captives whose lives they spared with the appropriate family or clan.

As is widely believed today, clan affiliation was more important than tribal membership. It would be fascinating to read an account of how the clan mothers handled such matters. For example, how about a captive from an enemy tribe, but who belongs to the same clan as some of the captors? All we can do is guess, which isn't worth much given our limitations in recognizing what would have been important to 18th century Chickasaws. Adair probably would have shed some light on this in his book, but as a non-Indian, he was probably barred from such deliberations.

There is precedent for such external factors impinging on this decision-making process. When the English pushed into Chickasaw country in the late 17th century, they offered firearms in exchange for slaves who would be shipped to the Caribbean to work the English sugarcane fields. After what may have been prolonged debate, a strong faction of warriors opted in favor of the English proposal, and then according to English officer, Thomas Nairne, it was "catch as catch can."

To obtain the firepower they needed to keep the upper hand on the Choctaw and other enemy tribes, Chickasaw warriors expanded the custom of capturing or killing other Indians mainly for revenge and began capturing larger numbers for commercial reasons. This minimized the women's ancient decision-making role. And according to Choctaw historian Michelene Pesantubbee, the loss of this responsibility had a significant impact on the influence of women because the "fate of captives determined how balance would be restored to a family or clan that had lost someone through warfare." Captives, she writes, could be used to restore balance to the living relatives or to the spirit of the one who was killed.

It is unlikely that the women's decision-making on captives was eliminated entirely. There would be no need to abolish what had been a venerable, powerful part of tribal culture. But when the tribe's survival was imperiled by colonial encroachments and political maneuvering, the women's decision-making role may have reflected the tribe's need to adjust to a menacing and insidious threat.

It is also unlikely that the women's power was wrested away by the male political leaders. Presumably, women would have voted in roughly equivalent numbers with the warriors that this de-emphasis in decision-making was necessary. Furthermore, the change need not have been viewed as permanent. Conditions did change after the 1720s. English traders no longer wanted so many Indian slaves, they wanted deerskins to meet the clothing and fashion needs in Europe.

By the 1730s, the French leadership--wanting to gain dominance over the lower Mississippi Valley--decided that the Chickasaw tribe had to be exterminated. First, they put together an alliance of tribes and attacked the Chickasaw homeland in mass. When those attacks failed, they used their alliance to fight a lengthy war of attrition against the Chickasaws. By the 1750s, the French strategy was working. To maintain enough warriors to defend their homeland, Barbour says, the tribe had to adopt warriors from other tribes. So, instead of making largely life-and-death decisions about their captives, the tribe's emphasis had to be on adopting them.

The institution to do that already would have been in place. The clan mothers' council would

*See **Chickasaw Women,** page 27*

October 2005 Students of the Month

Students of the Month have been selected for October 2005 in all four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Up to 24 awards are presented each month, as male and female Student of the Month awards are available in elementary, middle school and high school in each of the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Each student of the month receives a recognition plaque and a $25 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

All Native American students with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) in grades 1 through 12 attending participating schools in the Chickasaw Nation are eligible for student of the month.

Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, JOM coordinators, principals or other school personnel in recognition of academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and other criteria.

Following are Students of the Month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

Students of the Month in the Tishomingo District are Chenoa Cummings and James Byars of Ravia Elementary.

"Chenoa Cummings is a very sweet girl," said Debbie Akin. "She is always articipating in everything. She is always willing to help."

"James Byars is a very sweet boy," said Debbie Akin. "He is always willing to help out when he can."

Students of the Month in the Pickens District are Taylor Foster and Blake Coyle of Turner Elementary; Ailey Gunsolus and Cain Arledge of Turner Junior High; Erin Lyle of Comanche High School; and Dalton Gorrell of Kingston High School.

Taylor Foster

"Taylor Foster is a bright, energetic, and outgoing student," said Sue Kelley. "Taylor always has a wonderful smile for all. Taylor is an exceptional all around student."

"Blake Coyle may not be A's and B's all the time, but his disposition is absolutely amazing.' Said Sue Kelley. "He always has a kind word and a kind smile. He is so well mannered. He is absolutly a wonderful child."

Blake Coyle

"Aliey Gunzolus is a leader, not only in the classroom, but with her fellow students," said Sue Kelley. "Ailey is a birght, outgoing young lady. She represents our school with dignity and pride. I think she would be an awesome choice as student of the month."

Ailey Gunzolus

"Cain Arledge is an awesome student, and a good person all around." said Sue Kelley. "He is always willing to give you a smile, kind words, or just help you."

Cain Arledge

"It is my pleasure to nominate Erin Lyle as Chickasaw Student of the Month! Erin is a very sophisticated young lady that her peers look up to," said Jacque Anderson. "She will be one of the class valedictorians and is currently taking two college classes."

"Dalton Gorrell is an outstanding student at Kingston High," said Sue Shilling. "He takes great pride in attaining and maintaining good grades and sets goals for himself to achieve. He maintained a 3.8 GPA in middle school and was named salutatorian of the middle school. Currently Dalton is active in football, baseball, the Honor Choir, the Governor's Honor Roll and is serving as Freshman Student Council representative. Dalton is a first Dan Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and is a member of the Gorrell Demonstration Team."

Dalton Gorrell

Students of the Month in the Pontotoc District are Imya Moore of Allen Elementary; Keegan Moore, Wynnewood Elementary; Mirands Willis, Wynnewood Junior High; Alex Lane, Latta Jr. High; Kayla Cooper, Allen High; and Ryan Ringle, Latta High.

"Imya Moore is a bright student. Sweet nature, friendly to all. A very loving and caring student. Reliable, works hard and makes good grades. Great sweet spirit. Respectful of others."

Imya Moore

"Keegan Moore is a quiet leader in his class. He is very well behaved and a positive role model for his peers," said Barbara Robertson. "He is a hard working student who maintains straight A's. Keegan is respectful of adults as well as his classmates. It is with pleasure I nominate him for this honor because he is very deserving."

Keegan Moore

"Miranda Wills is an awesome student," said Terri Hayes. "She is active in many school activities such as Student Council, FCA, Newspaper, and team sports. She is very responsible and always does her best. Miranda has outstanding leadership skills and a personality that lights up any room. She is an honest, responsible leader among her peers. For all these reasons, I nominate Miranda for Student of the Month. "

Miranda Willis

"Alex Lane is a very nice young man. He is a great student as well as a good person," said Terri Painter. "He participates in many school activities and excels in many areas. He is very well liked by his peers and teachers. I feel that Alex is very deserving of this honor."

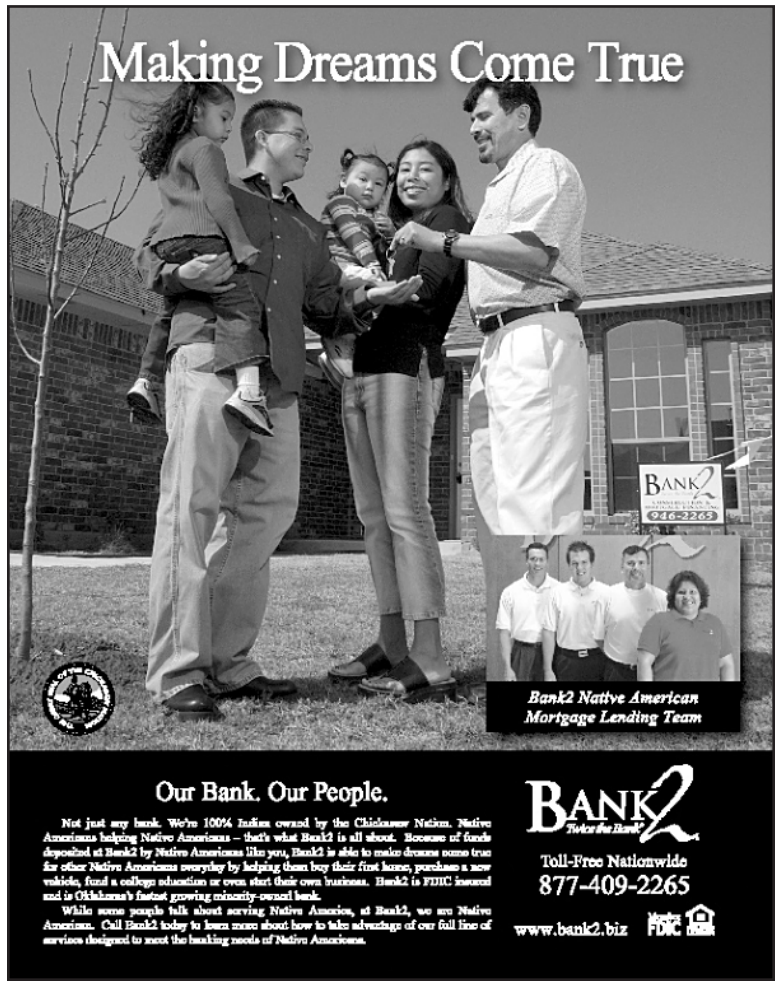
Alex Lane

"Kayla Cooper is a very talented young lady," said Janice Deaton. "She gives her best in every situation, whether it is a class assignment, a group activity, contest or sport. She is respected by her peers and teachers for her honesty and caring attitude. In adverse situations, Kayla does not give up, she gives her best."

Kayla Cooper

Ryan Ringle

"Ryan Ringle has been a positive addition to our student body at Latta High School since transferring here during his ninth grade year. He always gets along well with other students as well as with his teachers," said Stan Cochran. "His calm, quiet demeanor, combined with his positive humor, help make Ryan a very enjoyable student to know. These qualities also enable Ryan to be a leader and example among his friends and classmates. We know Ryan will be successful in the career field he chooses because he will combine his education with his character and qualities of hard work that he possesses."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legal description as requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs described as a tract of land lying within the NE/4 NE/4 of Section 29, Township 4 South, Range 2 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Carter County, Oklahoma.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Judy Goforth-Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution 23-016

Affirming General Resolution 20-065

(Authorizing an Acquisition of Property in Garvin County)

Explanation: This resolution affirms General Resolution 20-065 previously approved on

June20, 2003, for the purpose of specifically identifying the legal description as requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs described as part of the NW/4 SW/4 NW/4 and the SW/4 NW/4 NW/4, less rights of way for Interstate Highway #35 and County ("Airline") Road, of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 1East, I.M., Garvin County, Oklahoma, containing 3.92 acres, more or less.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Judy Goforth-Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-019

Resolution in Support of American Military Personnel and Veterans

Explanation: This resolution honors those individuals who are serving or have served in the armed forces of the United States. It thanks them for their dedicated sacrifices that we all may live free.

Requested By: Scott Colbert, Chairperson

Presented By: Steve Woods, Chairman Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-020

Requesting an Accounting of Chickasaw Nation Trust Assets and Funds from The United States Government

Explanation: This resolution formally requests Governor Anoatubby to request an accounting from the federal government regarding the Chickasaw Nation trust assets and funds which are under the management of the federal government. The tribes are entitled to such an accounting under the 1994 Trust Reform Act and, to date, the Chickasaw Nation has not received any such accounting for its trust assets and funds. This resolution further requests the Governor to take any action necessary in order to: (1) obtain the accounting of assets and funds the Nation is entitled to, and has not yet received, and (2) to pursue any necessary action to protect trust assets and funds or seek compensation for potential mismanagement of trust assets and funds, should the information obtained indicate such has taken place. The statute of limitations is set to run out on December 31, 2005.

Requested by: D. Scott Colbert, Chairperson

Chickasaw Legislature

Presented by: Steve Woods, Chairman

Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 23-001

Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 2 Section 5-204.10 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Publication Service Upon Parties)

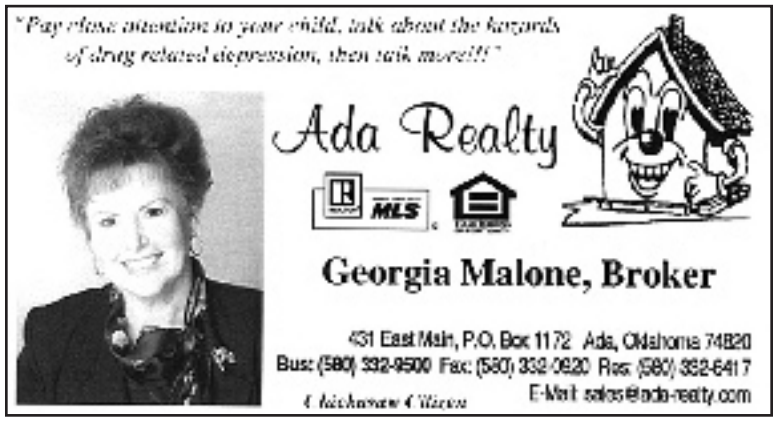
Explanation: This resolution amends Section 5-204.10 of the Chickasaw Nation Code pertaining to service by publication to named parties and unnamed successors of named parties.

The amendments modify the required places of publication.

Requested By: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court development Ad Hoc Committee

Presented By: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court development Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert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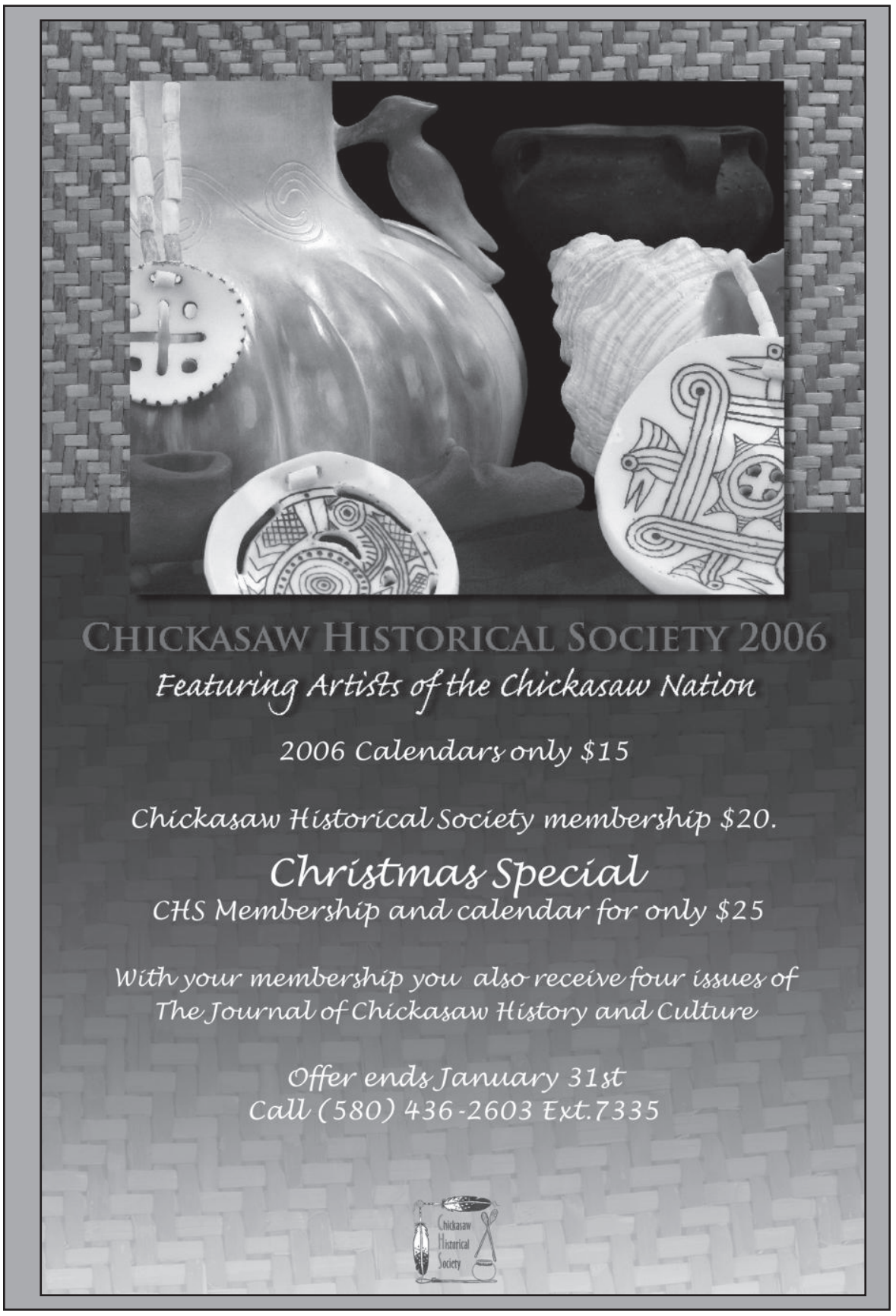
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This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted and the acquisition of two Easements. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-006. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-006 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-007, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 0.23 acres, more or less, in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted and the appurtenances thereunto. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-007. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-007 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-008, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, containing 4.43 acres, more or less; together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-008. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

11 yes votes

Member voting no:

Mooniene Ogee

1 no vote

The motion to approve GR23-008 carried.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

Chairperson Scott Colbert asked Mr. Seawright to give this report. Mr. Seawright gave dates for the upcoming events.

(H) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Tim Colbert

Chairperson Scott Colbert asked Dr. Goforth Parker to give this report.

Permanent Resolution 22-020, Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 1 Section 5-103.18 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Fees)

This resolution amends Title 5, Chapter 1 Section 5-103.18 of the Chickasaw Nation Code to include fees for service of process and prisoner transport by the Lighthorse police department.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve PR22-020. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR22-020 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #8

NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Ms. Briggs thanked the Legislators for their support over the past two years during her term as Chairperson. Chairperson Scott Colbert thanked Ms. Briggs, Dr. Goforth Parker, Mrs. Sellers, Mr. Stick and Mr. Cheadle for their service.

Comments were made by Ms. Sue Simmons regarding Solara, the expansion of the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, and she questioned a debt incurred in 2002.

Mr. James Humes invited everyone to the Halloween party hosted by the Oklahoma City Community Council. He also announced the Council had more than 2,000 hits on their new website.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments on legislative salaries, and the election rules and regulations procedures for the runoff election.

AGENDA ITEM #9

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legal Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE CHICKASAW NATION
ADA, OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF:)
K.B.C.,)
A Minor Chickasaw Child,)
Born May 14, 2004, by)
PATTSY HAMDY AND ABBAS HAMDY,)
Petitioners.) Case No. A-2005-22

NOTICE OF HEARING TO ALLOW THE ADOPTION

WHEREAS, on the 3rd day of November, 2005, Petitioners have filed their verified *Petition for Adoption* of the minor Chickasaw child, K.B.C., born on May 14, 2004, and have requested a hearing be set for a date and time certain. Petitioners also seek to waive the interlocutory six-month waiting period.

Whereas the interested parties, including the natural parents, may have certain rights under the tribal laws and under the Federal Indian Child Welfare Act, including the right to appear at all hearings and the right to a court-appointed attorney if the court determines you are indigent, the right to request an additional twenty days to respond to this action and such other additional rights under the Chickasaw Code and Federal Law regarding this action;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THIS COURT THAT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE **22nd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2005, AT 9:30 A.M.** HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE TIME FOR HEARING ON THE PETITION FOR ADOPTION. THE HEARING WILL BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT COURTROOM OF THE CHICKASAW NATION, LOCATED AT 1500 COUNTRY CLUB ROAD, ADA, OKLAHOMA, WHEN AND WHERE ALL PERSONS INTERESTED MAY APPEAR AND CONTEST THE ADOPTION OF THE MINOR CHICKASAW CHILD. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING SHALL CONSTITUTE A DENIAL OF YOUR INTEREST IN THE CHILD, IN WHICH DENIAL MAY RESULT, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE IN THIS PROCEEDING OR SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS, IN SAID MINOR CHICKASAW CHILD'S ADOPTION WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THIS COURT THAT NOTICE OF SAID HEARING SHALL BE GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AS REQUIRED BY LAW, AND THAT SUCH NOTICE SHALL BE MAILED AT LEAST TEN (10) DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING DATE, OR IF THE ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN, BY PUBLICATION.

DATED this 23rd day of November 2005.
THE HONORABLE DUSTIN ROWE
JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT
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Legal Notice

IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE CHICKASAW NATION
ADA, OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
REBECCA DURINGTON,
a minor child,
Petitioner , for Change of Name

Case No. CIV-05-34

ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

Whereas, on the 31st day of October, 2005 Petitioner REBECCA DURINGTON, filed a PETITION in the Chickasaw Nation District Court requesting that the Court enter an order changing her name, and alleging that said Petitioner is subject to the jurisdiction of this Court,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THIS COURT that Notice is hereby given that the 8th of December, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. has been appointed as the time for hearing on the Petition in the District Courtroom of the Chickasaw Nation, located at 1500 Country Club Road, Ada, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THIS COURT that Notice of said hearing shall be given to all interested parties as required by law, and that such notice shall be published at one (1) day a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper authorized by law to publish legal notices in Pontotoc County and one (1) time in the Chickasaw Times, at least twenty (20) days before the hearing date.

Executed this 3rd day of November, 2005.
s/Dustin Rowe
Judge District Court
Chickasaw Nation Court

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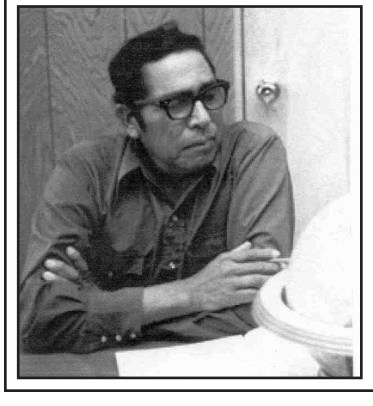
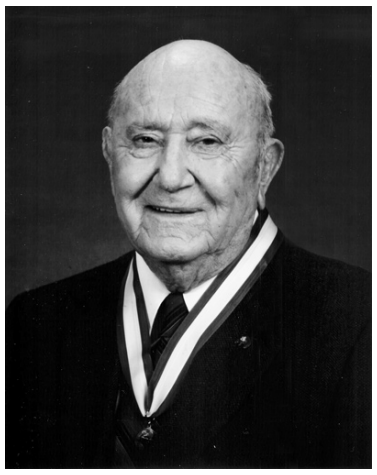


In the mist of our feasts for the Holidays
We send up prayers on smoke and prepare your
spirit plate in honor of you Dad. We miss you.
"Che hohlohle!
Cha pisa la cho anoa!"

Owen Gore "Buck" Gilmore



Owen Gore "Buck" Gilmore, 97, of Allen, Okla., died Nov. 2, 2005, at his home.

Services were November 5, 2005, at the First Baptist Church, Allen, with Rev. Joe Howry officiating. Interment followed in the Allen Cemetery.

Mr. Gilmore was born May 22, 1908, at McAlester, Okla., to original Allen settlers Edwin Theodore and Sarah Angeline Bruner Gilmore, of Chickasaw/Creek descent.

Mr. Gilmore grew up in the community of Allen, graduating from Allen High in 1927. He continued his education at the University of Oklahoma and East Central University until the Depression. He served his country during World War II as a U.S. Coast Guard Boatswain's Mate Second Class with the distinction of wearing the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with a bronze star.

After the war, he worked for the Corporation Commission and in the oil fields and established a farm and ranch in Allen. On July 18, 1953, he married Betsy Martha Buchanan, Ada, Okla.

Mr. Gilmore is survived by his wife of 52 years; two sons, Owen Buck and wife Myriam of Tahlequah, Okla., and Roy Edwin of the home; a daughter, Sarah Angeline Garcia and husband, W. T. Skye Garcia, Ada; two grandsons, Owen David Gilmore of Tahlequah, and Zachary Star Garcia, Ada; two granddaughters, Jesicah and Sarah Molly, of Tahlequah; and a great grandson, Evan Gilmore, of Tahlequah.

Bearers were Richard Ashlock, David Gilmore, Zachary Garcia, Buel Buchanan, Merle Buchanan, Harry Barnes, Wayne Bullard, George "Babe" Isaacs, Frank Rodd, Jack Smith, and Edwin Smith.

Mr. Gilmore's friends and family remember him as a man who loved life and lived life to the utmost. His was a life of service to others, not only to his family and country, but he gave generously of his time and possessions to his community, particularly young people.

His list of accomplishments include teacher and coach in Sasakwa, Okla.; ladies basketball coach for championship teams in the Oklahoma City area; Adjutant General, Commander, and Trustee of the American Legion, Post No. 238; membership chairman of the Allen Chamber of Commerce, receiving an "Award for Service" in 1991 and a "Lifetime Achievement Award" in 1992; Boy Scout/Cub Scout leader with service spanning a 40-year period in which he received several awards including "Allen's #1 Scout."

In 1977, Mr. Gilmore received Scouting's highest award, the "Silver Beaver," and in 1994 he was inducted into the Boy Scouts of America, Harry Miller District's "Hall of Fame."

With his pioneer and Native American roots, Owen Gore "Buck" Gilmore has been an important part of Allen's history and legacy, and with his passing, the era of one of Allen's, as well as the state's, pioneer families comes to a close. We will miss his strength, optimism, great passion, and loving spirit of service, but his roots reach into the very land itself, and he will always be a part of us.

Tiny Pearl Moore

Tiny Pearl Moore, 97, a longtime resident of Deming, N.M., died Friday in Las Cruces, N.M.

A graveside service was conducted at Mountain View Cemetery with Minister John Clark officiating.

Mrs. Moore was born July 11, 1908, at McAlester, Okla., to Columbus and Ida Carter Brown. She married Arthur Ruben Moore in March 1927 and was a homemaker. She had been a resident of Deming since 1947 and was a member of the Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Arthur in February 1987.

From this marriage, seven children were born: Lorene Renfro, of Duncan, Okla., James Moore of Ponca City, Okla., Ruben Moore, of Las Cruces, LaVern Bankston, of Sacramento, Calif., Bobby Moore of Las Cruces, Wilford Moore of Anthony, Texas. Ina Faye Nordsven, of Sacramento; a sister, Mae West, of Harshone, Okla., many grandchildren and several great great-grandchildren.

Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapel of Deming.

Bobby Joe Palmer

Services for Bobby Joe Palmer, 56, were Oct. 1, 2005, at Griffin Funeral Home with Pastor Ed Lee officiating. Interment followed in McAlister Cemetery.

Born on Oct. 9, 1048 in Ardmore, Okla., to Edward Palmer and Mona Hattensty, he died Sept. 28, 2005. He was preceded in death by a son, Bobby Joe Palmer; his father; and brother, Wilbur Palmer.

Raised in Ardmore, Mr. Palmer was a longtime resident of Talihina, Okla., and former director of the Choctaw Nation Alcohol-Drug Recovery Center. He started alcohol-drug recovery centers for various Indian Tribes across the United States for the past 25 years. He was a devout Christian and loved his family and friends. He enjoyed being active in outreach ministries where many have come to know Christ as the Savior.

He and Ethel Lou Smith were married on Sept. 19, 1084. She preceded him in Death on Sept. 3, 2004.

Survivors include sons, Robert Palmer, Talihina, Cpl. Jeremiah Palmer, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.; stepsons, Jason Smith, Norman, Okla., Adrian Smith, Allen, Okla.; daughters. Tjauna Hill, Mannsville, Okla., Courtney Palmer, Ada, Okla., mother, Mona Hattensty, Ardmore; stepfather, Steve Bond; brothers, Edward A. Palmer, Durant, Okla., Steve R. Bond, Ardmore, and Melvin Palmer, Idabel, Okla.; sisters, Carolyn Parker and Lisa Ingram, Ardmore, and Starr Linch, Tahlequah; 10 grandchildren.

Bearers were Tony Marris, Ted Cooper, Terry Ingram, Bobby Joe Ingram, Harrison Bond and Mike Spain. Honorary bearers are Raymond Palmer Sr., Jerry Lane, Mick Burns, Curt Ingram, Lawrence Shoemaker, Mark Linch, Samuel Parker and Jimmy Johnson.

Note of Thanks

The family of Owen G. "Buck" Gilmore would like to thank those of the Chickasaw Nation who tirelessly assisted us in Buck's care during his long illness. A special thanks to Dr. Mike Mason and his staff, the Elder Food Program, and the Chore Service. Their efforts made it possible for our dad/husband to remain at home which was a true blessing to our family. Thank you for your special care. We appreciate your kindness and everything you did for us.

The family of Owen G. "Buck" Gilmore

Chickasaw Women,

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wax or wane throughout the remaining decades of the 18th century depending initially on whether the tribe was relatively at peace or fighting a hot war. But, by the end of the century, the Chickasaws were facing a new threat: removal from their homeland. Galvan and Barbour agree that during this era the women's influence within the tribe lessened. Decision-making--involving land cessions--had shifted more into political and diplomatic spheres, the visible province of the tribe's male leadership.

United States expansion gradually had been creating an imbalance between traditional male and female roles within the tribe. Traditional teaching held that such an imbalance could not be tolerated for long without tragic consequences.

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Author's Note: This article is the first of an occasional series on the roles played by Chickasaw women on the eastern side of the Mississippi.

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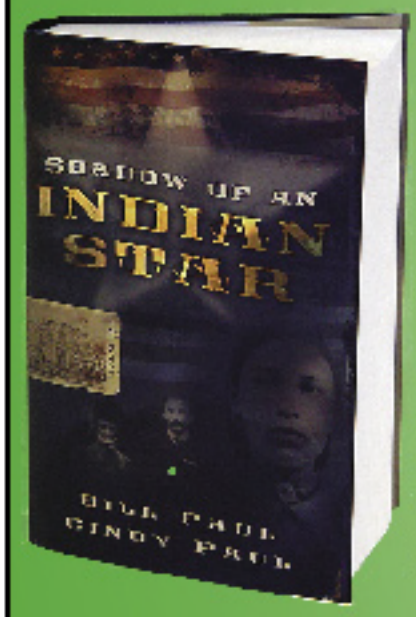

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